

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Our Airport**

THE sort of criticism which the President of the North-West Airlines handed out during the weekend about the utter inadequacy of Kai Tak airport for handling the latest types of commercial aircraft must be taken on the chin as gracefully as possible. We know it is true and we have no immediate answer to the criticism. Nevertheless, it does seem time that Government brought the public up to date on the question of Kai Tak's future. We believe that in recent weeks a special committee of inquiry into the scheme for the construction of a new runway designed to enable jet liners to land and take off in safety has been completed. If this be so, should it not be made public without further delay? It is realised that the functions of the committee were exploratory and advisory; nonetheless the views and recommendations embodied in the report are of just as much interest to the community as to Government. Whatever Kai Tak development scheme is finally approved and put in hand, it is going to be expensive, and much of the cost will inevitably fall on the Colony. We want value for our money and we are, therefore, entitled to know what project, if any, is under way.

A CONSIDERABLE amount of time has already been spent by experts and advisers on the suitability and practicability of reclaiming a substantial part of Kowloon Bay for a runway capable of handling the most modern of civil air liners. There is no complaint to be made about that. We know that a number of problems are involved. But there is one point of special interest which we should like to know if Government has taken into consideration. It is the early possibility of air liners being so constructed that they will require comparatively little runway for landing and taking off. Only last week, Sir Roy Dobson, Managing Director of A-V-Roe & Co., told a London audience that vertical take-offs by jet liners would be possible in the near future. This prospect obviously opens up the whole question of the necessity for constructing enormously long runways, and in the case of the Kai Tak extension scheme, it is a matter of paramount importance. In any event, a new statement from Government on Kai Tak would be welcomed by the public.

**In Trouble**



**Turpin Charged With Assault**

New York, Nov. 2. Randolph Turpin, former world's middleweight boxing champion, was arrested today on a charge of simple assault.

A woman complained he beat her "on a number of occasions." The complaint against the British boxer was brought by Adele Daniels, 24, a Manhattan Negress. She contended Turpin had beaten her several times since last September 23. Turpin, 28, was defeated by Carl 'Tolo' Olson of Hawaii in a world championship middleweight match here last month. The young woman's lawyer, Mr. Benedict Brucia, asking the Upper Manhattan Magistrate's Court to issue the warrant for Turpin's arrest, said the boxer was scheduled to leave the United States on Wednesday.

**BLACK AND BLUE**

Mr. Brucia said she was "black and blue" as a result of the beating. Turpin was arrested at the Hotel Edison. Mrs. Daniels in a formal complaint charged specifically that Turpin "did strike her a number of violent blows about the face and body with clenched hands and kicked the deponent" (Contd. on Back Page, Col. 3)

**Panmunjom: Dean Prepared To Offer Compromise Neutral Nations At Conference**

Panmunjom, Nov. 3.

The United Nations envoy, Mr Arthur Dean, was prepared today (Tuesday) to compromise with the Communists on the admission of neutral nations to the Korean peace conference but a Red spokesman predicted that the offer would be rejected.

Mr Dean said that he might attempt to break the deadlocked preliminary talks by proposing that "certain neutral nations" attend the full-dress conference.

The Reds have stymied the pre-conference discussions by insisting that neutral nations, in addition to participants in the Korean war, be admitted.

Communist correspondent Alan Winnington, who usually reflects official Red thinking, said he considered Mr Dean's compromise "even worse" than other Allied ideas on the conference.

"It is my view that our side will never accept it," Winnington said.

**Disastrous Fire On Freighter**

17 Men Reported Killed

Boston, Mass., Nov. 2. At least 17 people were reported dead today in a fire aboard the freighter Black Falcon tied up at the Navy base in South Boston.

A security guard said the death toll might rise to 21 and that eight men were injured.

The fire began in the freighter's number four hold in mid-afternoon as stevedores completed unloading cargo.

The 4,030-ton Norwegian freighter, Black Falcon, was due to sail tonight for Europe.

A dock worker said he believed at least ten men were trapped in the flaming hold of the freighter.

After the flames had subsided, gas-masked firemen went into the hold and removed four bodies, reports said.

The fire-fighters continued to search for other bodies. The hold was flooded with about four feet of water poured in by a score of hose lines.—Reuter.

**Pre-Election Terrorism**

Manila, Nov. 2. Complaints of terrorism are swamping the Commission on Elections here on the eve of an all-Party conference to discuss ways of ensuring clean and orderly elections.

Mr. Toribio Perez, Liberal Party candidate for Congress in the Albay province of Luzon, has alleged that a Liberal Party leader and his maid in Camlig Town were beaten to death by a Nacionalista Party leader there. His allegation is being investigated.

The conference will be attended by representatives of the Liberal (Government) and Nacionalista (Opposition) Parties, as well as representatives of the Commission on Elections and the Army.

The Nacionalista Party's Presidential candidate, Mr. Ramon Maguiness, said the country and his Party were behind the move to reach agreement with the Government Party on orderly elections. But he advised people not to relax their guard until after the elections. Army trainees are now being sent to the southern islands to police the polls.—Reuter.

He protested the Allied insistence that a time and place for the conference be decided on first.

"How can you talk about time and place without first deciding who should attend?" he asked.

A high United Nations source said that Mr Dean had not decided whether to officially present his compromise plan to Red negotiators this week.

The eighth session of the preliminary talks was set for 11 a.m.

The source said, "It will depend on how things go" at today's meeting whether Mr Dean would formally propose the idea first mentioned to newsmen as a "trial balloon" to test Communist reaction.

Mr Dean told newsmen after a fruitless one-hour and 33-minute session yesterday that the Reds were stalling the preliminary talks.

He said that their "inflexible attitude leaves doubt in our minds that you really want a political conference." —United Press.

**NOISY BUT OBEDIENT**

Panmunjom, Nov. 3. Noisy but obedient North Korean prisoners went before Communist "come home" interviewers today.

About 500 prisoners moved into the 250-man holding compound 100 yards from the 32-tent explanation area at 7.45 a.m. There was no violence and no attempt by any of the prisoners to resist their Indian guards.

Prisoners remaining behind in the main camp, which now holds 22,400 captives, gave the 500 a rousing send-off with songs, band music and marching columns. Today's was the fourth attempt by Communist political officers to win prisoners back to Communism and was expected to be their fourth failure.—United Press.

**Destructive Rains**

Reggio de Calabria, Nov. 2.

Torrential rains unleashed a mountain torrent in the region of Sidermo Marina, on the southern coast of Calabria, and inundated a vast cultivated area spared until now by the floods which followed the recent heavy rainfall. Masses of water and mud carried away farm buildings.

Further inland the little village of Canolo, perched 1,000 metres up in the mountains, was threatened by a landslide of earth and rocks. In the locality of Agnans, the soil, drenched by the downpours, lost its solidity and houses crumbled like packs of cards. The valleys' wooden bridges and footbridges over rivers were torn away by the churning torrents cascading. Rescue work was hampered by the wind and rain which continued to cover the devastated areas of Calabria.—France-Press.

**DOCKERS RIOT IN BROOKLYN**



**UN To Hear Atrocity Charges**

New York, Nov. 2.

The Steering Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today voted by 12 to 2 to recommend Assembly consideration of the atrocity charges brought by the United States against Communist forces in Korea.

Only the Soviet Union and Poland opposed the recommendation which will now go to the Assembly itself for approval.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, suggested that the item be sent to the plenary session itself for discussion rather than to one of the committees, because Britain thought that no committee could conveniently deal with the matter owing to the plan of work and the state of agendas.

He expressed the hope that when the atrocities had been fully discussed "we may continue in our task of strengthening peace."

The United States supported Mr Lloyd's suggestion, which was approved without vote. In opposing the inclusion, Mr Andre Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, declared that the issue had been brought up "to create complications in the path of a Korean settlement."

Speaking in the Steering Committee of the General Assembly on the United States request that the items be recommended for inclusion in the Assembly's agenda, Mr Vyshinsky said the United States had chosen to make their request while the Panmunjom talks were in progress. Consideration of the issue could lead only to greater complications in the Korean question and make more difficult the task of those who wished to work for international peace and security.

Mr Vyshinsky said that the atrocities charges were "nothing more than an invention, a fabrication, a gross falsification." —Reuter.

**STOP PRESS**

**Dean's Proposal**

Panmunjom, Nov. 3. The American envoy, Mr Arthur H. Dean, proposed to the Communists today that the Korean peace conference start on December 1, or four weeks after the current preliminary talks end.

Mr Dean, in an hour-long statement, also held out to the Reds the possibility of an agreement on neutral nation participation in the conference if they would now settle the time and place.

He objected in his statement to the Red position that "no agreement is possible" unless the composition of the conference is decided at the present meetings.—United Press.

A docker goes down from a blow as police move in to break up the riot at the Erie Basin's Breakwater Pier, Brooklyn. After three weeks of quiet along the New York waterfront, there was a sudden pitched battle between stevedores of rival unions at the Brooklyn Docks. The police were hard pressed as they were sandwiched between the fighters.—London Express.

**Arrest Of Police Capt Ordered**

**Opium Smuggling Allegation**

Bangkok, Nov. 3.

An order for the arrest of a captain of the railway Police was issued today by the Police Department.

The officer, identified as Captain Charoon Buzan, was alleged to have smuggled opium from Chienkai into Bangkok on at least three occasions, according to the findings of a special investigation committee.

The investigation was ordered by Police Lt.-Gen. Pura Chinit Chinnachai, deputy police chief, following a report from the Governor of Lampang and the Police Superintendent of the district that they had found opium aboard a Chienkai-Bangkok goods train. It was alleged that Captain Charoon claimed he had seized the opium earlier and was bringing it to the Bangkok authorities.

**ON SPOT SEARCH**  
The police captain, who was aboard the train, was alleged to have said that he had "seized" the train and would have it searched in Bangkok. Lampang officials were not satisfied with this assurance and conducted a search on the spot. They found opium valued at 5.4 million baht hidden in the goods wagon. The captain was immediately placed under arrest.

The investigating committee found that Captain Charoon had violated an order for all police personnel who come across illicit articles to turn them over to the district authorities. The committee also alleged that Captain Charoon had previously brought to Bangkok three shipments of opium which he did not turn over to the authorities. In their findings the committee expressed the belief that Captain Charoon was used by opium smugglers.—United Press.

**Gen Marshall's Condition**

Washington, Nov. 2. General George Marshall's condition was slight today by the Walter Reed Hospital authorities to be "satisfactory." The General is suffering from inflammation of the right lung as a result of a bout with influenza that he's been fighting for some weeks, the hospital said.—France-Press.

**Sudan's Vital Election**

**PROPAGANDISTS ACTIVE**

(FROM SEFTON DELMER)

Khartoum, Nov. 2. An election which will settle the future of the Sudan began today.

With it General Naguib started a "tourist campaign" aimed at putting this cotton-rich country under Egyptian control.

The "tourists" are Sudanese employed across the border in Egypt.

They are being sent home by Naguib to act as Egyptian propaganda men.

Some 1,100 have come by train in a week. Normally 10 such travellers in this time would be considered a large number.

Job of these propaganda teams is to cajole their fellow-countrymen into voting for the National Union Party—union with Egypt.

Its opponents, the Umma Party, stands for an independent Sudan and rejects any tie-up with Cairo.

The National Union Party is heavily subsidised by the Egyptians.

**PLANES CHARTERED**

The party has chartered aircraft, hired lorries and private cars and distributed presents of sugar, sweets and clothes to its supporters.

The activities of Naguib's agents are particularly pronounced in the South.

Here the primitive Negro tribesmen, once a slave reservoir for Moslem raiders from the North, have the opportunity to elect 22 members of the new Parliament.

These 22 votes will give the majority in the House to whichever of the two major parties can get them.

The Southern chieftains have been invited to Cairo, fed and offered fat jobs in the new administration.

At the same time National Union Party canvassers have been saying "The British are finished. The Egyptians will see that they go."—London Express Service.

**Plane Crashes: Crew Rescued**

Washington, Nov. 2. The Navy said today that a Neptune patrol plane crashed off the coast of Morotu Island in Japan last Tuesday.

It said the nine crew members were picked up by a destroyer.

The Navy said the plane tried to reach the aircraft carrier Slicy but was ditched within a few hundred yards of the vessel. The plane was based at the naval air installation in Iwakuni, Japan.—United Press.

**Sequel to Sport**



EVERY sport has its special lingo, from polo to pole-vaulting, from deck-tennis to squash. Yet strange to say, there are few phrases to describe that pleasantest part of all, when a man cools off in the clubhouse and holds his inept on the game. Golf has its Nineteenth Hole, of course; but cricket has no Eleventh Wicket, or rugger a Third Half.

Perhaps it is not so strange after all. For how can words really describe the bliss of sinking into a deep chair and relaxing the stiffened muscles one by one? Or of rewarding the parched tissues with that first long glass of Rose's Lime Juice, iced to the frosting point?



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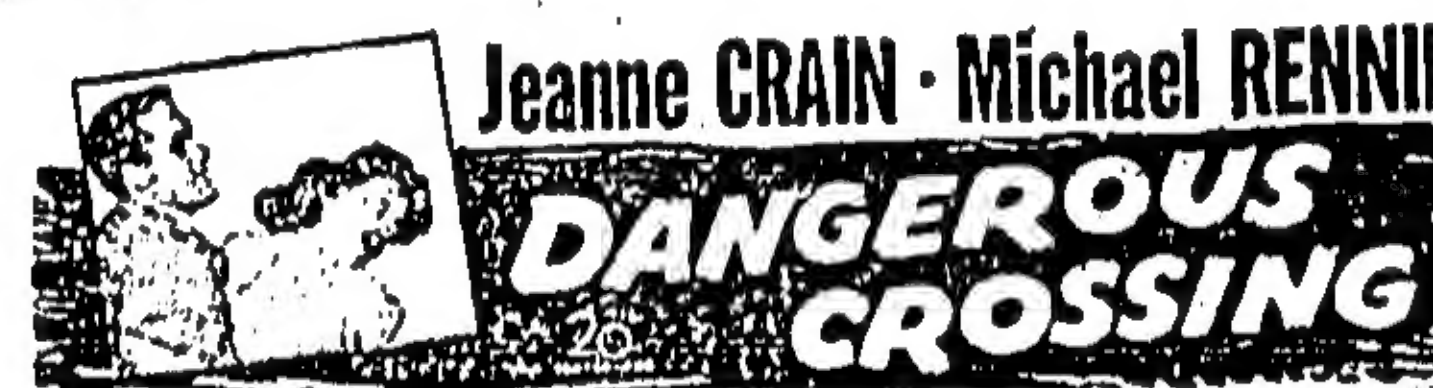
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# Closer Relations With Tokyo Said To Be British Policy

## Benson Produces Reshuffle Plan On Election Eve

New York, Nov. 2.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr Ezra Benson, a controversial and much criticised figure in the Eisenhower Cabinet, today put into effect a new plan for re-organisation of his Department. Criticised by farmers throughout the United States, Mr Benson is alleged to be the main cause of the Republican defeat in a Wisconsin by-election last month for a seat never before won by a Democrat.

## Mountbatten In Amman

Amman, Nov. 2. King Hussein of Jordan today visited Admiral Earl Mountbatten, British Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean area, aboard the naval dispatch vessel, Surprise, in Aqaba harbour. The King, who was accompanied by his Prime Minister, Dr Fawzi Maki, the British Ambassador to Jordan, Mr G. W. Warren Furlong, and several senior Army officers, had lunch with Earl and Lady Mountbatten on board and returned later to Amman. —Reuter.

## CZECHS SENTENCE ISRAELIS

Tel-Aviv, Nov. 2. The Israeli Government announced tonight that Mordchai Chertok, an Israeli left-wing Socialist leader, had been sentenced in Prague to 15 years' imprisonment. Another Israeli, Shimon Orinstein, was given life imprisonment by a Czechoslovak court.

Both were convicted on charges of espionage. The Israeli Foreign Ministry said that the acting Czech Foreign Minister, M. Sikanova had officially informed the Israeli Legation in Prague of the sentences.

The Israeli Government is expected to make an official protest against the Prague Government's attitude, emphasising that foreign citizens have the right to be visited by the diplomatic representatives of the country to which they belong. The Israeli Government will also take all steps to secure the release of the two men. —France-Press.

## Indian Troops' Policy To Avoid Force

Srinagar, Nov. 2. India's Minister of Defence Organisation, Mr Mahabir Tagori, said today India would not mind if her troops were needed in Korea beyond the period for which they went, "but we are hopeful that they will finish their work in time."

Mr Tagori who was speaking with reporters here, said the Indian custodian force in Korea could not allow serious breaches of discipline by the prisoners under their charge. "Our policy is to avoid force as far as possible," he said, but added that serious breaches would be met with suitable penalties.

In answer to a question Mr Tagori said that Lieutenant-General K.S. Thimraya, Chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, was acting on his own initiative and was not controlled from India. —Reuter.

His Department reshuffle comes on the eve of a House of Representatives by-election in New Jersey and elections for Governors in that State and Virginia on Tuesday.

Mr Benson's plan deals with soil conservation services of his Department. It has nothing to do with his attitude toward support of farm prices—the subject which has brought him into most disfavor with his critics. But anything Mr Benson does is likely to be used by his political opponents as a means of gaining votes from the Republicans. To that limited extent, the announcement of his plan today is likely to have some influence on Tuesday's voting.

In announcing his decision to put the departmental soil conservation plan into effect, Mr Benson said it had been thoroughly discussed with Congressional Committees, farm organizations, commodity groups, and others interested.

NEW SERVICE Features of the plan include: Regrouping the various research bureaux in the present agricultural research administration into an integrated agricultural research service.

Establishing an agricultural marketing service which will absorb a major part of the marketing, research and service functions of the production and marketing formerly handled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Establishing a commodity stabilization service which will carry on adjustment and other functions formerly handled by the production and marketing administration, such as acreage allotments and marketing quotas, and carry on price support operations of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Mr Benson said opposition to the plan came only from the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, "certain officers of which had issued misleading and unfounded statements and some cases had made 'falsehoods'."

The critics had contended the plan would destroy the soil conservation service. An Agriculture Department spokesman, commenting on rumors from Karachi and London that the United States had decided to subsidize cotton exports, said today he had no knowledge of any such move.

The spokesman, who said he "had heard these reports ever since August," referred to official statements made by Mr Benson at the beginning of the cotton year that the United States would not subsidize cotton exports "this season."

But he said, Mr Benson could be forced into changing his mind about cotton subsidies by Congress. —Reuter.

## Japan's Minister In London Gets New Post

London, Nov. 2. Mr Koichiro Asaki, Japan's Minister in London, will leave for Tokyo later this month to take up a new diplomatic appointment. It was stated at the Japanese Embassy today.

Mr Asaki, 37, has been here since August 1951, when he came to head the Japanese Overseas Agency. After the peace treaty came into force on April 28, last year, he became his country's Charge d'Affaires until the arrival of Mr Shunichi Matsumoto, Japan's first post-war Ambassador to Britain, in June 1952. —Reuter.

London, Nov. 2. Hayato Ikeda, special representative of the Japanese Premier, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, arrived yesterday on what officials said was "a purely unofficial visit."

There were strong indications today that he would find the British Government inclined to adopt a more friendly policy towards Japan.

The Japanese Embassy said that there was no information available on Mr Ikeda's visit, his programme or his plans during the three days he is to remain in London.

The Treasury said that no arrangements had yet been made for Mr Ikeda, who arrived by air from Washington yesterday, to meet the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler, but meetings with Treasury officials were expected. The Times, in an editorial, pointed out that Mr Ikeda was a former Finance Minister and said, "This is no doubt why he is here and why he was chosen to explain to American officials the economic basis of the Japanese Government's objections to the rapid rearmament for which American opinion has been pressing."

The only official comment was that Mr Ikeda had come for "informal talks with members of the Government and businessmen" and that the subjects "probably" would be defence and finance matters. The cautious official replies, however, made it apparent that the British Government has recently surveyed British relations with Japan which are approaching a crucial stage in their development. The United States was seen by informed sources as preparing to re-arm Japan as a prelude to withdrawing the bulk of American troops from China and Russia which are to be wooing Japan with trade offers, the sources said.

BIG QUESTION In the British view on Japan, as on Germany, the issue was seen as a big question—whether the Western Powers could prevent Japan being drawn into the continental system of the dominant Eurasian power consisting of Red China allied to Russia.

As a result of this survey it was understood that Britain had decided on a more friendly policy towards Japan which could be explained to Mr Ikeda who would also have to answer some searching questions on Japanese policy.

The British Government was also understood to have considered policy towards Japanese rearmament and to have moved a long way towards the American point of view in this respect.

An official source said that Britain views Japan as a sovereign State with a right to have armed forces if she wants them and, like Germany, with an obligation for self-defence. Regarding the maintenance of American bases in Japan the British view was said to be that these would provide a means of supervising Japanese rearmament.

STRONG FEELING These are the highlights of the topics expected to be discussed during Mr Ikeda's talks with Government officials, but informed sources emphasised that Britain would have to move slowly in her relations with Japan for several reasons. For instance, strong feeling against Japan remains in Lancashire, the home of Britain's cotton textile industry, and there is strong Commonwealth opposition to Japan's association with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) which is the new centre of Anglo-American differences over Japan.

Japan's shortage of Sterling was another question which Mr Ikeda was expected to discuss both with Government members and businessmen. This question is known to be worrying British officials because of the obvious danger that trade between Japan and the Sterling area would suffer a setback. The situation was said to call for a decision on the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Sterling Payments Agreement due to expire this year.

It was understood, however, that before formal talks opened there would be informal discussions to review the recent Anglo-Japanese payments situation. This would be done during Mr Ikeda's visit, informed sources said. —United Press.

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## CINDERELLA IN REVERSE

Halifax, Nov. 2. A Cinderella-in-reverse act landed Merilyn Maher in gaol here. Somebody snatched Mrs Mildred Lefleur's handbag. Police found a shoe on the scene. Not far away they spotted Maher in his stocking feet. The shoe fitted. —China Mail Special.

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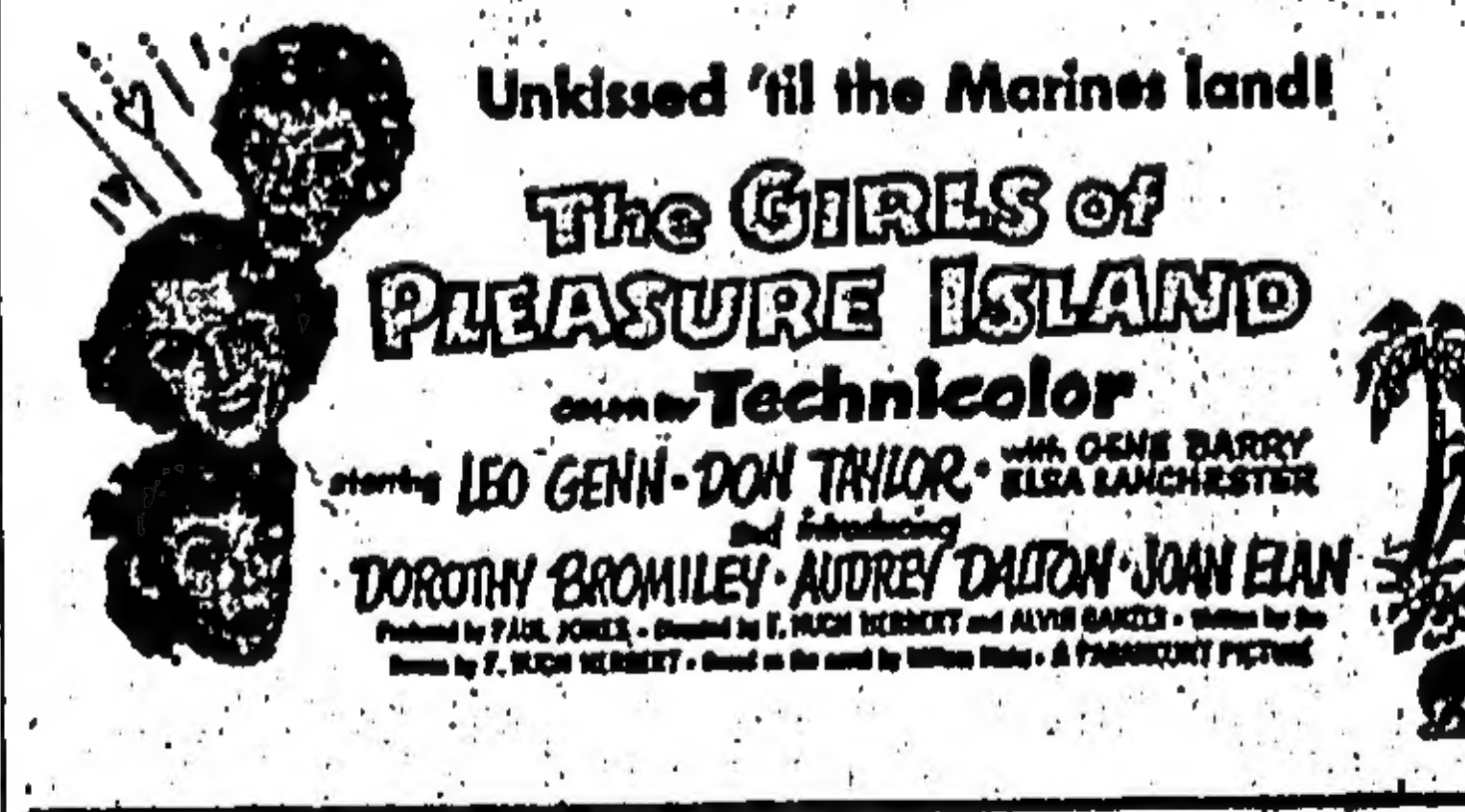
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# PEACE TALKS RULED OUT

## Vietnam Rejects Negotiations With Communists

### Ollenhauer Gives Views On United Germany

Bonn, Nov. 2.

Herr Erich Ollenhauer, leader of the West German Social Democratic Party, said in an interview that a United Germany should become a member of the United Nations even before a peace treaty were negotiated.

This would provide her neighbours as well as the Soviet Union with a better form of security guarantee than that proposed by the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, in which the planned European Defence Community—including a United Germany—would guarantee the Soviet Union against attack.

Herr Ollenhauer did not think the Soviet Union would find Dr Adenauer's proposal acceptable. The two questions of a United Germany's position in relation to East and West and of her future defence would then lose much of their importance at the peace conference because Germany would then already be bound to the United Nations Charter.

In Herr Ollenhauer's view Germany would after the peace treaty be free to join any other international arrangements as a sovereign country.

Asked whether he thought France would be likely to accept a United Germany, free of any ties save those imposed by the United Nations, Herr Ollenhauer said he understood French misgivings, "but we must not now repeat the mistakes made at the time of the Weimar Republic" when failure to grant Germany her sovereignty led to a reaction which produced Hitler.

Even now, he said, France was talking of the European Defence Community more as a factor in France's security against Germany, than as an instrument of Europe's military defence.

#### ONLY POLICY

France needed courage to agree to the policy he had just outlined and admitted it would be difficult for a French Government to carry it through under fire from the Communists and the Gaullists. Yet, he was convinced it was the only practicable policy since he was sure that the Soviet Union could not accept Germany's integration with the West as proposed by Dr Adenauer.

There could never be any other basis for German foreign policy than the complete reconciliation of border questions. The frontier with Poland would have to be settled in peaceful negotiations.

One of the chief difficulties was that Poland's frontier with Russia had been moved far to the West since 1939. For this reason it was vital to hear what the Soviet Union had to say on the subject.

He was convinced there would be a full-scale conference even-

### Prime Minister's Statement May Presage Trouble

Saigon, Nov. 2.

Vietnam Premier Nguyen Van Tam today ruled out peace negotiations with the Communists until superior French Union strength proves that "treason does not pay."

In an exclusive United Press interview the Premier said that such negotiations would only discourage Allied forces fighting in the field.

"In the actual circumstances, no talk of negotiations would only discourage our soldiers who are fighting with bravery and who want their sacrifice to save the country," Nguyen said.

### Want Peace But Ready To Fight

London, Nov. 2.

The Israeli Ambassador in London, Mr Eliahu Elath, tonight said that Israel's hand was always stretched out to her neighbours for understanding and a just and honourable peace.

"We do not, for a moment, forget that the stability and normal development of our State depend on our ability not only to solve our internal problems but also to reach a settlement with our neighbours," he said.

Once these neighbours had become reconciled to Israel's existence as an equal partner in the area, he believed that, in co-operation with them, they had all the attributes to make progress and to develop the Middle East and aid the cause of peace in the world.

For Israel, he said, the armistice agreements were the prelude to such an understanding—a path towards real peace.

But, for the Arabs, he said, the agreements had provided a threat for a "second round, supported by organised, systematic infiltration across the border."

The Israeli Ambassador warned the Arabs that while Israel earnestly desired and sought peace, "let no one doubt that we are equally ready, if needs be, to defend to the uttermost, the integrity of our frontiers and the independence we have won through so many generations of suffering and sacrifice."

—France-Press.

### Religious Ceremony In Court

Durban, Nov. 2.

Two prominent Natal Indians settled a £2,500 defamation case with a Hindu religious ceremony in the Durban Supreme Court.

The Judge had suggested that it would be in the interests of the Indian community if the two men reached a settlement. They agreed, and the judge adjourned the court.

One Indian entered barefooted and, placing camphor on half a brick, set it alight. The defendant did the same.

Then, holding a Hindu Holy Book in his left hand, he smothered the camphor flame with his right. He repeated on oath that although he had said words in the heat of the moment he had no intention of injuring the plaintiff. The same oath was repeated by the plaintiff.

Prayers followed, and when the first piece of camphor had burnt itself out the judge was recalled and informed of the settlement. —China Mail Special.

### Queen Attends Lecture By Everest Heroes

London, Nov. 2.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by the Queen Mother, the Duchess of Gloucester and the Duchess of Kent, today attended a private lecture by the conquerors of Mount Everest at the Royal Festival Hall.

The speakers were Sir John Hunt, head of the British expedition, Sir Edmund Hillary, one of the two men who actually reached the summit, and Mr A. Gregory, another member of the team.

The three men and their wives were presented to the Queen and the Royal Family before the lecture. —France-Press.

### Right Into The Lions' Den

Tokyo, Nov. 3.

A scene on the lines of the Keystone Cops' silent film comedies took place when five thieves started chasing a detective who had caught them stealing metal off a gate.

They pelted down the road when the detective, Reiji Takashima, suddenly dodged into a building.

Two of his assailants followed—without reading the sign over the door.

The three others just had time to read "Matsunouchi Police Dormitory" before their two startled companions roared off again with a dozen policemen on their tails.

Police captured three of them. —China Mail Special.

### Britain Gives Promise

United Nations, Nov. 2.

The British Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, today gave Burma a promise of British support in raising again the question of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Burmese soil if the present evacuation of Nationalist Chinese forces there did not turn out as expected.

Speaking in the U.N. Political Committee, Mr Selwyn Lloyd said that Britain was watching the Burmese complaint against Nationalist China with close sympathy and interest. Britain, he said, would watch the progress made in the dismantling of these foreign troops on Burmese soil and it was the hope of the United Kingdom Government that the plan of evacuation, which had been agreed upon, would be successfully put into effect.

But, Mr Selwyn Lloyd said, "until the whole force has been effectively and permanently dispersed, we cannot say here in the United Nations that the problem brought to us by the Burmese has been solved."

The British delegate believed that once the agreed evacuation of 2,000 Chinese troops had been carried out, the Chinese Nationalists could not shed the responsibility for the disarming and the evacuation of other Chinese remnants from Burmese territory.

**MUST SUBMIT**

The Nationalist authorities must continue to persuade and to give clear indications of their own desires to see General Li's forces evacuated or interned, and disarmed—or simply disbanded.

The Dutch Ambassador, M. J. D. van Balluseck, said the least that could be expected was that no further assistance by any foreign power would be given to the irregulars in Burma.

"The comments of these forces," he said, "must submit to the Burmese Government and the Chinese refugees from China must respect the laws of the country which gave them asylum and preferably let themselves be evacuated to Formosa."

The Thailand representative, Khemarat Panyaratkarn, said that the evacuation plan agreed upon was a step in the right direction. He hoped that the scope of the evacuation could be extended with Burma's co-operation. —France-Press.

### Royal Children To See TV

London, Nov. 2.

The Star director said today that the Prince Charles and Princess Anne would sometimes be allowed by the Queen Mother, who will have charge of them, to see television pictures of their parents' Australian tour.

The Queen thinks they are old enough to look in occasionally, mainly at children's programmes, but she prefers her children to spend as much time as possible in the open air. —China Mail Special.

## Death Sentence On Alleged 'Spy Ring' Leader

Berlin, Nov. 2.

The East German news agency, ADN, reported today that an East German court had sentenced the leader of a "spy ring" to death for working for an "American-directed West German espionage centre."

ADN said that the man, Lange-Werner, was convicted of having given State secrets to the "Western espionage centre."

A second man, whose name was given only as Raupach, was sentenced to hard labour for life on a similar charge.

Five other people were sentenced to hard labour terms ranging from seven to 15 years.

The agency said those convicted had orders to "sabotage the peaceful reconstruction of the East German Democratic Republic and undermine the power of the workers and farmers."

It said that Lange-Werner, a "notorious Fascist," had forced his wife to take documents he had stolen to the espionage centre. He had prepared his flight to the West, but was caught before he had a chance to flee.

ADN said that Raupach had also helped prepare and carry through the "Fascist provocations of June 17" (the anti-Communist riots in East Germany).

#### ON FRONTIER

The East German Government announced last Saturday that its security forces had smashed several "espionage, sabotage and terror groups" which, it alleged, had been working for the American and West German secret services.

ADN, in its report of the trial, did not say whether those sentenced were members of these groups.

But the Government statement on Saturday had said that arrests had been made at Cottbus, which is near the Polish border, as well as at Berlin, Halle, Potsdam and "several other places."

The East German authorities reported on October 20 that "Fascist terrorists" had killed four policemen in a gun battle in the Cottbus area.

After this gun battle, unconfirmed reports in West Berlin said that thousands of East German police had been engaged in other battles with anti-Communist "partisans," some of whom were alleged to be Poles and Czechs.

### New Ministry In Latvia

Stockholm, Nov. 2.

A special Ministry for boosting production of every-day goods has been formed in Soviet Latvia, Riga Radio reported today.

The Ministry, headed by Nikolai Alekseyevich Ponomarev, will also work to improve the quality of consumer goods.

Last week, Latvia formed a new Foodstuffs Ministry under Ivan Desnitsky to increase production of fish, meat, milk and other foods. —Reuter.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>           | <b>DOWN</b>            |
| 1 Worries (4).          | 2 Haphazard (6).       |
| 4 Attacks (7).          | 3 Slops working (6).   |
| 8 Money-drawer (4).     | 4 Watchful (5).        |
| 9 Indian coin (4).      | 5 Satisfies (6).       |
| 10 Oriental (7).        | 6 Change (5).          |
| 11 Bird (4).            | 7 Vast (5).            |
| 12 Lounge (4).          | 12 Damsel (4).         |
| 14 Dog (7).             | 13 Enthusiasm (4).     |
| 17 Divert (5).          | 14 Lazy (4).           |
| 19 Crack (5).           | 16 Decays (4).         |
| 22 Protect (7).         | 18 Revolve (6).        |
| 23 Fewer (4).           | 20 Solemn promise (6). |
| 27 Tube (4).            | 21 Comes out (6).      |
| 28 Began (7).           | 23 Incubate (5).       |
| 29 Obstinate (4).       | 24 Peers (5).          |
| 30 Eager (4).           | 25 Crest (5).          |
| 31 Scottish emblem (7). |                        |
| 32 In addition (4).     |                        |

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 1 Peeled, 5 Irate, 8 Aroma, 9 Reverse, 10 Piles, 11 Names, 12 Dolt, 13 Rosta, 16 Reside, 18 Plural, 20 Green, 22 Mead, 23 Major, 25 Endow, 26 Victor, 27 Natal, 28 Messy, 29 Reared. Down: 1 Parading, 2 Envelope, 3 Earn, 4 Dreamer, 5 Imperil, 6 Rained, 7 Treat, 14 Selector, 15 Boldered, 16 Runaway, 17 Sanitary, 19 Lemon, 21 Hango, 24 Tule.

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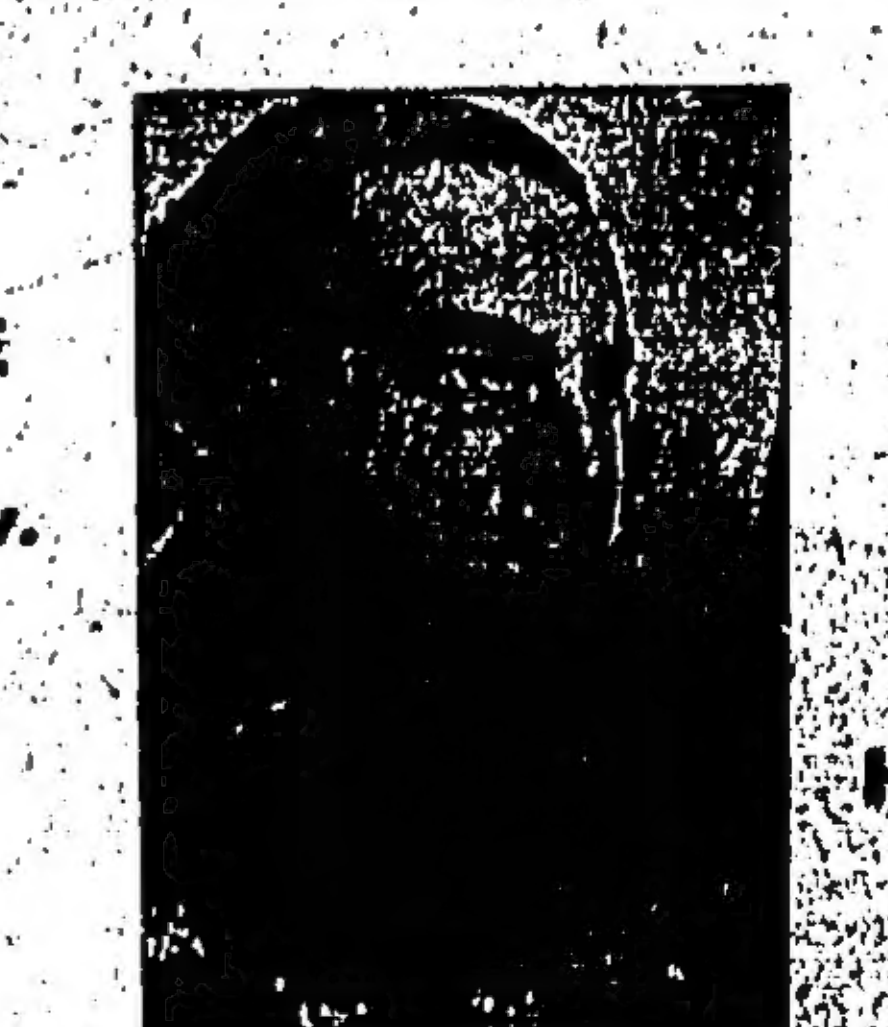
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## WHEN THE G.I.s MOVE IN....

RENE MacCOLL

cables from Malta the tough-talking views of a man who could soon be Premier on the decision to send in more American armour

VALLETTA.

I SAT down in the sunshine-splashed hotel courtyard with Dominick ("Dashing Dom") Mintoff, 35-year-old ex-Oxford Rhodes Scholar (Hertford College), who is the Opposition leader in Malta's Parliament.

Mintoff (dark glasses, open-necked shirt, Palm Beach slacks, sandals) wanted to discuss the peppy decision to send many more American armour to Malta without any "by your leave" to the Maltese.

Mintoff has lots to say on the subject, and says it with the deft smoothness of a master-coiffeur giving the favoured client a final "perm" against the clock late on Saturday.

Dom has three points. If the Americans are to build up strength in Malta, then (says he):—

1 They must come through with some hefty dollar aid to the struggling Maltese economy, "just as they have under the Marshall plan to Britain, France, Germany, and everyone else."

2 They ought to reconsider America's McCarran Act, which controls the number of European immigrants. This is a considerable grievance with the Maltese, because up to the end of 1952, when the Act became United States law, nearly 1,000 Maltese emigrated to America each year.

Nowadays the Act says only 100 can go annually—tough on this over-populated Isle of 312,000.

3 If a war breaks out between East and West, and laboriously rebuilt Malta gets some Russian A-bombs dropped on her because the Americans have a base here, then Malta ought to be given the chance to say whether she really wants to go along or stay clear.

### Tough-talking

Mintoff is frank, tough-talking. I remark that the Prime Minister, Dore Oliver, is already protesting about the U.S. reinforcements. Mintoff makes a face.

If he were in power (and he may be before very long) he would take "real action." "Don't forget," he reminds me, "I have already taken action since the Americans first came here." (An American squadron of 300 men has been at the R.A.F. Luqa airfield for the past two years.)

And what was that action? "I told our young men not to join the Territorials or Civil Defence. It has had a noticeable effect on recruiting."

Action indeed! Is Mintoff a Red? He has denied it on oath, and repeated the denial in Parliament. He simply Malta's best interests at heart, he maintains.

And is he "violently anti-British," as I have several times been assured?

"Things would be better if you British did not follow a policy of race discrimination."

"Oh" (seeing my look of amazement). "I don't mean the crude social stuff as in South Africa. No, in Malta it's economic."

"You hit us here, my friend!"—and with that he slaps his trousers pocket and the British coppers. It contains jingling in sympathetic protest.

"One rate of pay for the British. Quite another for the Maltese." (Around Valletta you can get a very nice furnished house for £10 a month. Few Maltese can manage that.)

### Trigger-quick

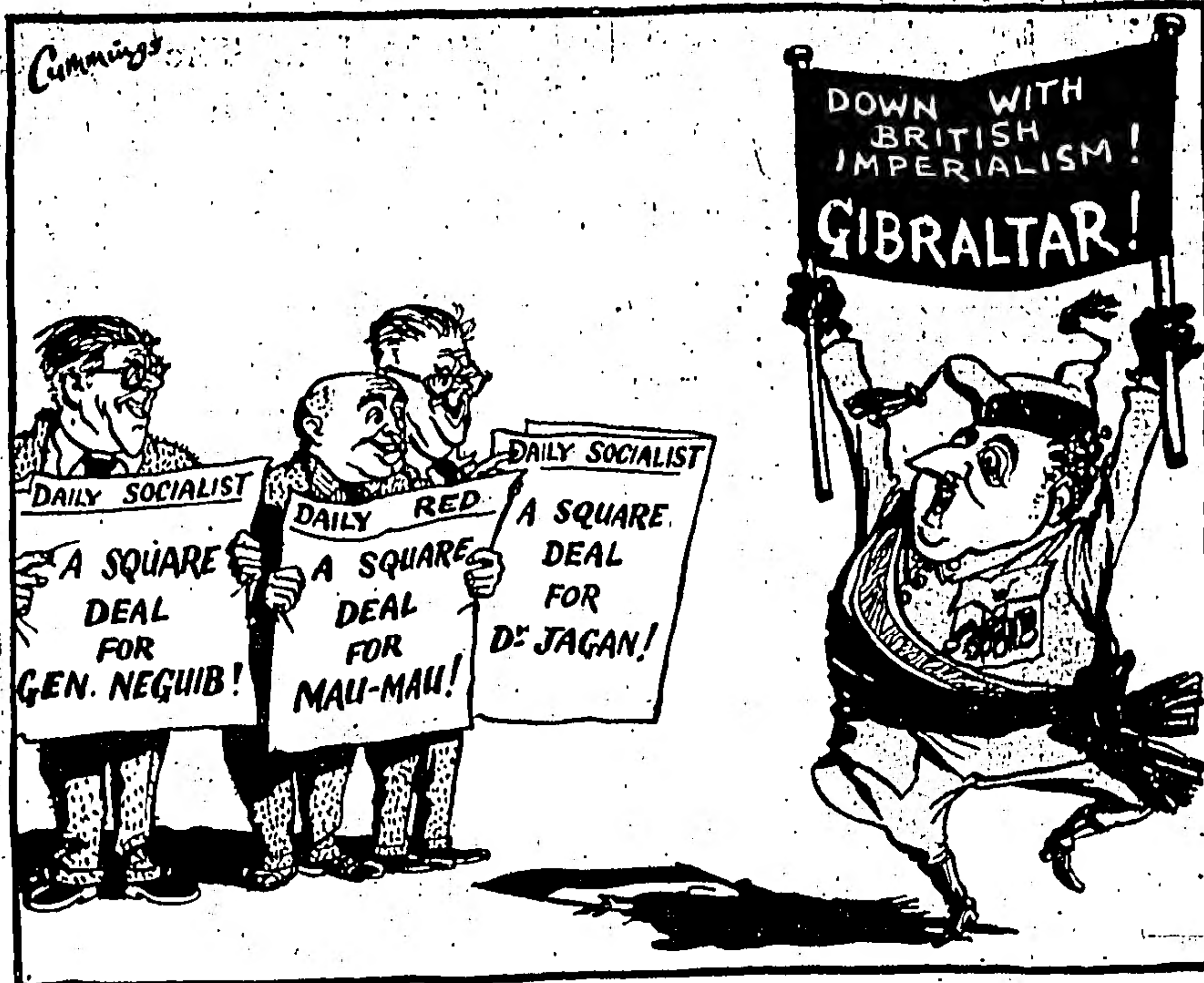
Mintoff talks, laughs, gesticulates trigger-quick. And then off we go through those tawny streets where all the British Servicemen wear shorts and even the postman is beknickered.

Where the White Ensign flaps above Admiral Earl Mountbatten's H.Q.—sitting high above the Grand Harbour.

Where the gigantic impossibly thick walls of the fortress city were built around 1,600 to make Malta impregnable—only, of course, then no one had invented an aeroplane.

Where they have a big illuminated notice board above the main outdoor cafe giving football pools forecasts and results (the Government is in the lottery game here).

What with one thing and another Maltese history keeps on rolling along.



"Well, well! Perhaps General Franco's not such a bad chap after all!"

London Express Service

## MR PRIESTLEY MISSES THE POINT

By LES ARMOUR

"MASS Communication," that fine old bogey-man of the intellectual, has been taking a frightful drubbing from novelist J. B. Priestley.

Unhappily for his victim, Mr Priestley chose to start the scrap in the somewhat austere columns of the New Statesman and Nation, where would-be defenders are probably about as welcome as Sir Winston Churchill at a meeting of the Cominform.

Mr Priestley, of course, directs the mass of his fire power at the "Popular Press" (not, presumably, to be contrasted with the "Unpopular Press").

Television rates as a scourge on the obscure ground that

(like the films) it is "parasitical" feeding, vampire-like, on the life-blood of the theatre. Radio is almost as sinful.

This press, on the other hand, achieves satanic status by the rather simpler device of giving the public "what it wants to hear." It stifles (in Mr Priestley's view) anything which might stir the reader to opposition, arouse him to think, or improve his mind.

Over the years it has been getting steadily worse, too. Mr Priestley fondly recalls the happy days when "even the poorest of papers was somewhat above its readers," and when his press required "an effort" to comprehend.

### Downright Odd

These may be obscure virtues to begin with, but they become downright odd with Mr Priestley as their champion. Mr Priestley, after all, achieved his fame as a provider of excellent entertainment, and he has never been accused of aspiring to deep thought or desiring to take upon himself the role of public educator.

There may, of course, be reasons. Mr Priestley also notes that his books are selling badly these days ("One has to be a young man on a raft... to sell...") and he confesses that he was recently snubbed by an editor when he sent his agent to offer a series of articles called "Unpopular Opinions."

But that is hardly the point. So what, after all, is all this howling in the wilderness about?

Castling aside the allegation that newspapers are too easy to read (this is a rugged doctrine which argues that value and incomprehensibility go hand in hand), it is true that the press is an organised conspiracy to stifle opinion and thought and reduce the reader's mind to jelly?

London has eight morning newspapers and three evening papers. They range from thesauri highlighting sexy stories to papers devoted mainly to national and international politics.

They reflect every shade of opinion from arch-Tory to violent Communist. They crusade for everything from Empire trade to kindness to snails.

### Differing Views

Their prose runs from fast and zippy to slow and contemplative; occasionally they reach the extremes of plain silliness and dull stodginess.

And there is no reason to believe that every editor is in agreement with all his readers: if the four million who buy the Daily Express all supported Lord Beaverbrook's Empire crusade, national policy, would almost certainly be very different from what it is today.

The News Chronicle is devotedly Liberal—yet there are probably two readers of the paper for every convinced Liberal in the country. The Daily Herald is the official voice of the trade union movement, yet it is under constant fire from every other Socialist and Labour paper in the country.

Anyhow, how much does "policy" really affect what appears in a paper?

In the news columns, the answer is probably "only slightly."

Every newspaper has the services of three or four hotly-compelling news agencies, in addition to its own battery of reporters and correspondents.

### Facts Are Facts

Facts are facts, and a reporter who distorts a story will be found out with alarming speed. Moreover, an editor must assume that his readers take some of the opposition papers, and readers are more alert than Mr Priestley would like us to believe.

"Complete objectivity" is certainly a myth; background, selection of facts, and style necessarily affect, even the simplest story. But there is no evidence that today's reporters are not telling their stories honestly—their way, they see them.

Nor is there any evidence that editors are suppressing stories reporting unpopular opinions. Stories hit the waste-basket because editors do not consider them news. Thus, a speech by a pacifist to an audience of 12 is not likely to make the headlines. But let ten thousand soldiers get together and march on Parliament, and they will hold their own in the news columns against two axe-murders and a prime minister.

CONTINUING ANTONY TERRY'S SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM BERLIN. THE STORY OF A RED DUPE. HANS BARTSCHAT YESTERDAY TOLD OF HIS CHILDHOOD, HOW HE JOINED THE COMMUNIST EAST GERMAN ARMY AND HOW HE WAS SENT TO THE POLITKULTUR SCHOOL. HE MET AND FELL IN LOVE WITH A GIRL, CHRISTA, BUT THIS THE COMMUNISTS DIDN'T LIKE. IN TODAY'S NARRATIVE, HE DESCRIBES

# THE BEGINNING OF THE BREAK

"FOR a while we kept our affair dark. I made various excuses to get away at weekends, but with the efficient spy and informer-network which exists in East Germany it was not long before we were found out."

"I was 18, she was 21. We were committing the terrible crime of being two young people in love. In my case the offence was even worse than that."

"I had committed the crime of falling in love with a girl who came from a middle-class family, and who had never belonged to any Communist Party organisation. Her father owned a small engineering factory. He worked in it himself—but in the eyes of the Communists he was a class enemy, and so was Christa."

"From the moment it was known that we were in love, I was watched day and night. Although I still believed fanatically in the ideals of Communism, it was beginning to dawn on me that here was a system which would stop at nothing to gain its ends."

"One of the instruments the system used was my

commanding officer in the Politkultur school, Moscow-trained Lt. Colonel Dietrich Nebrich. Thirty-five-year-old Nebrich was a dyed-in-the-wool Red. He had attended the re-education classes set up inside Russia for prisoners of war by the "Free Germany Committee" of German Communists.

"Nebrich made up his mind to break my engagement, my affection for my fiancée, or me. He set about it in a diabolical way. My fiancée was working as a waitress at the time. Her father was being dispossessed from his factory by the Reds, and she was forced to keep her family."

### His Plan

"This fact was known to Nebrich. He went out of his way to visit the restaurant where my fiancée worked, and to make improper advances to Christa. On one occasion she was forced to leave the restaurant to escape from him. I only discovered this later."

"It was only a part of his plan. He summoned me to his office and, after accusing me of forgetting my duty by falling in love with a 'class enemy,' started to storm and shout."

"You have allowed yourself to become the prey of a loose woman—any waitress who works in a public restaurant is beneath the notice of one of Stalin's Polit officers!" he bellowed.

"I cannot remember what happened after that except that I saw red for about five minutes. I have a recollection of Nebrich retreating behind his desk and threatening me with a chair, while I tried to get at his throat."

"It all passed as suddenly as it had begun. But it resulted in my getting a week in a cell on bread and water—the normal German army punishment for the disobedient soldier."

"This incident was, though I hardly realised it at the time, the beginning of my break with Communism and all it stands

for. I started secretly to listen to Western radio programmes, 120 men under my control and on my fellow officers, who were mostly afraid of me. I could also countermand the orders of any company commander for 'political' reasons."

"It was a risky business. If one is caught in East Germany with an anti-Communist newspaper, the average sentence is 12 years in prison. But I used to get hold of a weekly paper called Torantula, which is published in the British sector of Berlin and smuggled into East Germany. Its dry sarcastic humour struck a chord in my new-found critical faculties."

"Christa's parents, who also hated the Red regime, helped me to keep in touch with what was going on in the free world. They frankly admitted that they did not want their daughter married to one of Stalin's secret agents."

"It was about this time that I began to suspect that the Red version of things was not as simple as I had previously believed."

"As future instructors of East German Youth, we were given a fantastic picture of the Western world. Britain, we were taught at the Politkultur school, is a minor nation which has lost its power and now plays an insignificant role in world affairs."

"The picture of Britain as taught by the inside circle of Communists is that the workers there are all seething with discontent and just about to start a bloody revolution."

### All Nonsense

"The only things that slow them, according to the official Party version, are the bayonets and truncheons of the 'Imperialist British Government.'"

"Today I have been in the West long enough to realise that this, like so many other things we were taught, is just nonsense. But at the time it was told with such conviction that it seemed to make sense."

"Once this version of things was established, it meant that everything which happened had to be fitted in to the Communist picture. For instance, we were taught that Sir Winston Churchill's speech in the House of Commons last May was not really genuine. It was, we were taught, an attempt to reduce the revolutionary fervor of the British workers by offering them 'fake concessions' to the Soviet Union which the British Government never intends to carry out."

"Despite the row with Nebrich I received my commission as an officer and full-fledged 'Polit Kommissar' with the army rank of Lieutenant in the East German forces."

"My power was far greater than that of any ordinary

Lieutenant. I had the right to snoop, sneak and spy on the 120 men under my control and on my fellow officers, who were mostly afraid of me. I could also countermand the orders of any company commander for 'political' reasons."

"When I was posted to the Headquarters Signals Unit of the 'Zittau' Division of the East German Army, I set up the kind of internal spying and snooping system which we had been taught at the Politkultur school in Torgau. This lays down one informer among every 10 men, or even two or three where the men were known or suspected of being anti-Communist."

"The job of these spies was to report to me every remark made by their fellow soldiers which might even remotely be regarded as subversive."

### The Reports

"I kept what was known as a 'Tendency Indication Report' for every man in the unit. In it I kept his personal details, and particularly his political history. I also recorded any anti-Communist remarks he might make."

"This record was constantly brought up to date by the reports of my informers."

"If I got an unfavourable report on a man I had him up and talked to him. I tried to find out whether he had merely let fall a casual comment or was really against the Communist system."

"If he was a 'hard case' I had the power to order him to be transferred to a punishment battalion. These are 'hard camps' where the men are bullied and tortured by brutal officers until many commit suicide. Each punishment battalion had 100 to 120 men, so it is hardly a battalion in the ordinary sense of the word."

"Men sent there seldom live long. They work in the open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and live in unheated tents summer and winter. The officers who are picked for their brutality are themselves punished if they do not maltreat the 'class enemies' in their charge."

### Bullying

"I have spoken to many of these officers, who boasted that in the punishment battalions they had the 'privilege' and pleasure of bullying the men to the point where they committed suicide. Officially, the highest praise for such an officer was that he was 'hard.'"

"I soon found that the men in the unit were quick to discover that they were being spied on. On an average, an informer lasted three months before he was found out. After that he was

chained. This meant, of course, that he was useless and had to be transferred to another unit where his secret job was not known."

"If one fails to remove these spies when they are first suspected, then their fellow soldiers will sooner or later pick a quarrel with them and start a fight."

"When this happens they are often half murdered. Next day no one knows anything about it. In one or two cases I had some very clever informers who managed to stay in the job for six months without getting found out, but they were the exception."

### Bad Enough

"Before a man was sent to a punishment camp I used to give him a final chance. The only milder weapon I had against the 'traitor' underlings who dared to try and think for themselves was confinement to barracks."

"This was bad enough. Fourteen days CB in the East German Army means something special. It means the man cannot leave barracks for three months, as he only gets one day off a week and it takes him fourteen weeks to work off his punishment."

"As a result one of the most widespread crimes in the East German Army is the forging of leave passes. The only difficulty is the stamp which has to be on each one to make it valid. This is usually obtained by transferring it, once the forged leave pass from an expired one, using a hot fresh-bolled egg just out of its shell as a 'stamp.'"

"Later, when I needed to get away urgently from the unit to be with Christa while we were planning our escape, I used the same method, so I knew it works."

### Spying Net

"All the spying which goes on inside one small unit in the Communist German Army is nothing to the great informing network which covers and pervades everything in East Germany."

"Though I was the 'senior informer' in my own unit, I know that my spies were being spied on by 'counter check' spies set to catch them out by other snooping organisations outside my own."

"Check and counter check, spy and counter spy. The whole rotten and degrading system is based on one thing—the powerlessness of the individual to object or defend himself."

"I soon discovered that I too was being spied on. I never discovered who was doing it, but realised one of the other officers in the mess was watching and listening when I found my remarks being reported back to me by my superiors."

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## Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE complaint of a wife that her husband thinks of nothing but his collection of miniature dummy telephones, which he makes himself, suggests that she should give him some of his own medicine. Why does she not start to collect small dummy telephones? Each then have a hobby, and they would not get on each other's nerves so much.

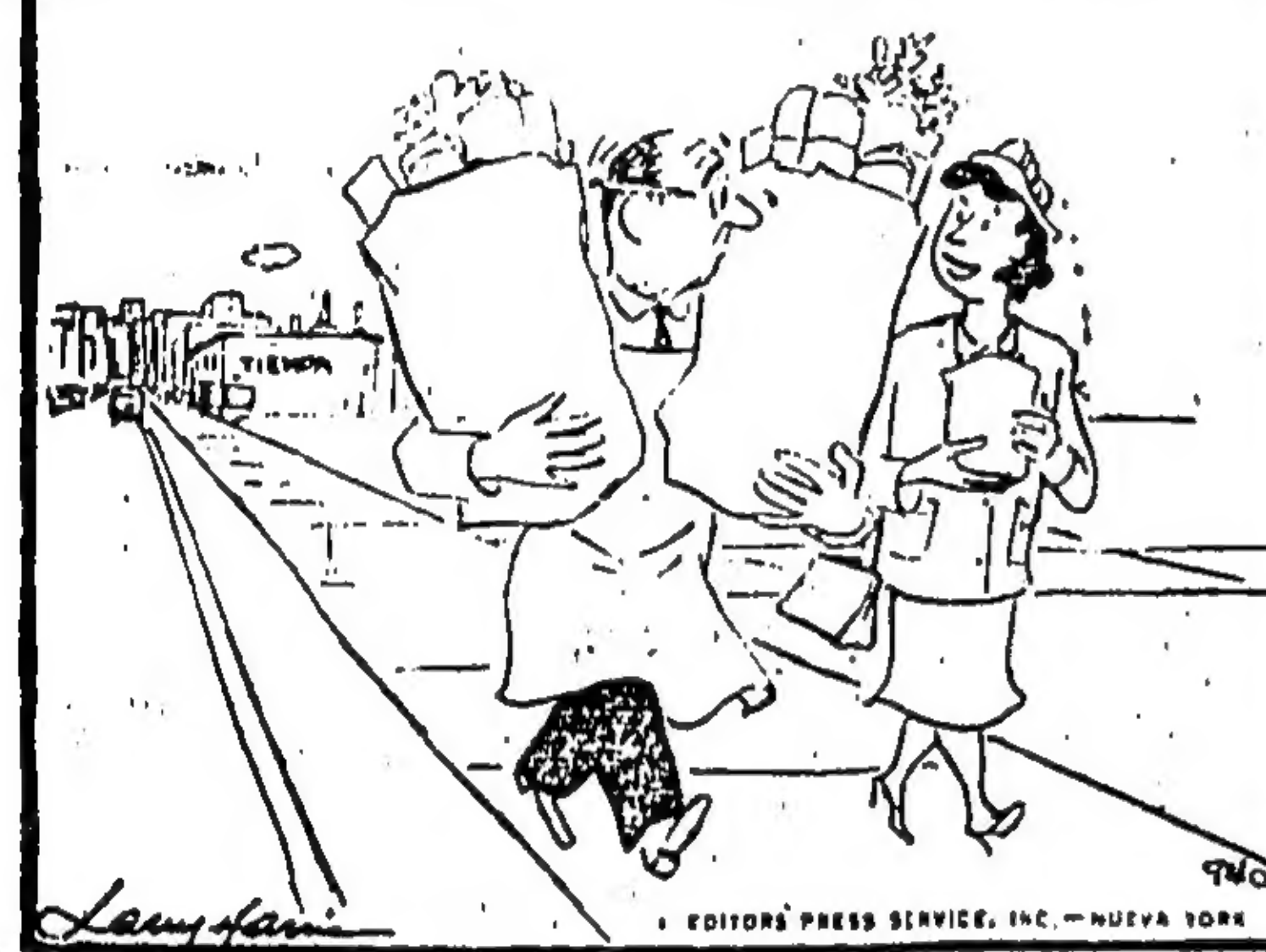
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Pursuant to your call here on the 1st ult., I regret that, by a routine error of scheduling, subsequent to a departmental bottleneck, a permit to apply for a licence to fit wheels to a motor vehicle, which was issued to you in lieu of a permit to apply for a licence to conduct a business, I am only too anxious to help, and I enjoyed our talk.

Yours sincerely,  
C. Suet.

DEAR Mr Suet,  
I am very much surprised at this horse-trough business. I quite understand how busy you must



"Where's my car? Why, Mr. Riley, what ever gave you the impression that I had one?"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

BORN today, there is a certain deep serenity about your nature which makes you able to go through life calmly solving your own problems and those of others without being at all rattled. You are a person to whom others are apt to turn in a crisis. You are fond of travel and will probably have friends all around the world. Although you do not accept every individual into the intimate circle of friendship, you have thousands of acquaintances. You yearn for a happy domestic life and will be happiest if you find your marriage partner in your early twenties.

The stars have given you many talents, artistic as well as practical, and you have the gift of leadership as well. In fact, you can select almost any career you may wish and make a success of it. You might

easily become a crusader for some new cause and if you believed in it wholeheartedly, you might become a great power for good in the world. Conversely, your influence could be used in the wrong. Thus it is important that your ideals are always held high.

While your originality in business and you can become quite wealthy early in life, learn to trust your intuitions. Implicitly, they will always give you a quick answer to any problem and usually the right one, too. Since you are highly adjustable, you are always able to adjust yourself to all kinds of conditions with great ease.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding message. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Slow and steady, as well as a show of great accuracy, wins today's race! Get a lot out of it, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you are in a position to encourage someone who finds it tough going, do so graciously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Don't overload yourself with the problems of others. Do what you can with efficiency and dispatch.

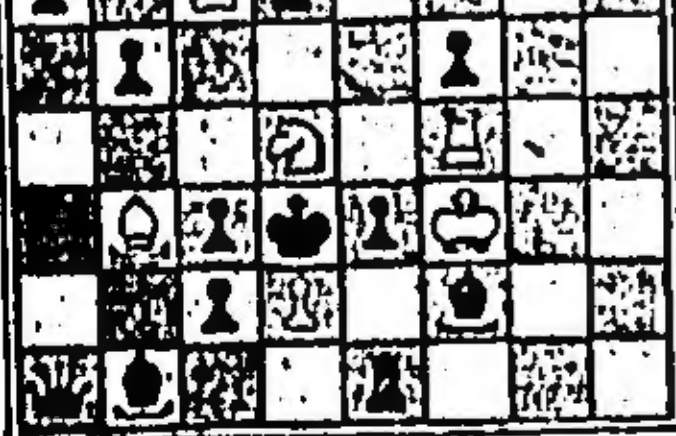
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Sympathy and kindly understanding can smooth out the road for someone you love. Be generous with your help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Avoid getting into an argument. If a discussion becomes heated, sidestep issues and compromise.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By O. STOCCHI

Black, 12 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.  
Solution: to yesterday's problem:  
1. P-R6. 1... P-R7; 2. B-Q4;  
1... P-K7; 2. B-K16; 1...  
P-P; 2. B-B5; 1... P-R7; 2.  
B-K5.

## DUMB BELLS

I WANT SOME SEALING TAPE TO PATCH A HOLE IN THE CEILING!



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Keep Eyes Open For Honest Foe

By OSWALD JACOBY

AN honest opponent is sometimes worth his weight in gold. When you are wondering how to play a hand, you are delighted to see signals from an opponent who is in the habit of telling the truth. Today's hand, played by Charles Hall of Cincinnati in last year's summer national championships, illustrates the point.

West opened the king of spades, and Hall decided not to take his ace immediately. East signalled enthusiastically with the ten of spades on the first trick, so West continued with the queen of spades.

This time, naturally enough, South took the trick with the ace. East's signal, asking for a continuation of spades, indicated that East intended or hoped to over-ruff the dummy. Obviously, East had the jack of hearts, so Hall led a third spade and ruffed with dummy's ace.

He then returned the nine of hearts from dummy and took a finesse by overtaking with the ten in his own hand.

When this trump finesse held, declarer drew the rest of the

NORTH			
♠ 3			
♥ A 3			
♦ 7 4 3			
♣ A Q 8 5 2			
EAST			
♠ K Q J 9 5			
♥ 6 4 3			
♦ Q 10 2			
♣ 7			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A 8 7 2			
♥ K Q 10 8 5			
♦ A 9 8			
♣ 4			
Both sides vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	1 ♥	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K			

trumps with the king and queen.

Only nine tricks were assured at this point, and Hall might have been planning to take a chance in the "attempt" to win his 10th trick except for the fact that East had made another revealing signal in the meantime.

When South ruffed his third spade with dummy's ace of hearts, East carefully discarded the jack of clubs. This indicated that East had strength in clubs, and since East was a very honest player, Hall believed him.

For lack of any better plan, declarer laid down the ace of diamonds and led another diamond out of his hand. East had to win with the king of diamonds and return a club up to dummy's ace-queen, thus giving declarer his 10th trick.

East's defence was rather inept, but he could not have saved himself by dropping the king of diamonds under South's ace. A diamond continuation by South towards dummy's jack would permit West to take the queen of diamonds and a spade trick, but then dummy would furnish declarer's 10th trick in the shape of the jack of diamonds.

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West  
1 Heart 1 Spade 2 Clubs Pass  
2 Hearts Pass  
You, South, hold: Spades 7-6, Hearts K-Q-4, Diamonds K-8, Clubs A-K-J-10-8-5. What do you do?

A—Bid four hearts. There is a question about wanting to be in game, but there is no doubt that you may even be a slam in this hand if your partner can make the first move towards a slam contract.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 7-6, Hearts K-Q-4, Diamonds A-J-8-5, Clubs A-K-J-8-5. What do you do?  
Answer Tomorrow

## WHAT'S HER LINE?

AUDREY BETTISSE

Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation.

## CONSTRUCTIVELY YOURSELF

NO!

You have a very round face? Then don't come with those big earrings. Have instead ones that reach UP the ear.

Hair up. TOO, please!

YES!

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## WOMANSENSE

## Belts That Transform Your Outfit

By SHIRLEY LOWE

London.

BELTS are the most important fashion accessory of all. A slim, neat leather belt transforms a 10 guinea model; a chunky, studded belt turns a sweater and skirt into an outfit, and a matching covered belt can bring the professional touch to a home-made dress.

All too often women use a belt just as something to define a waistline or hold up a skirt. Belts should be an integral part of your wardrobe, and above all they should suit your clothes.

Here are four belts which are easily, cheaply made—and will each serve an individual and invaluable purpose.

## For the home dressmaker

THE FABRIC BELT—for the dress you make at home.

You will need a metal buckle (artist Elizabeth sketches it for you below); a yard of 1½-in. wide belt backing; and sufficient fabric left over from your dress material.

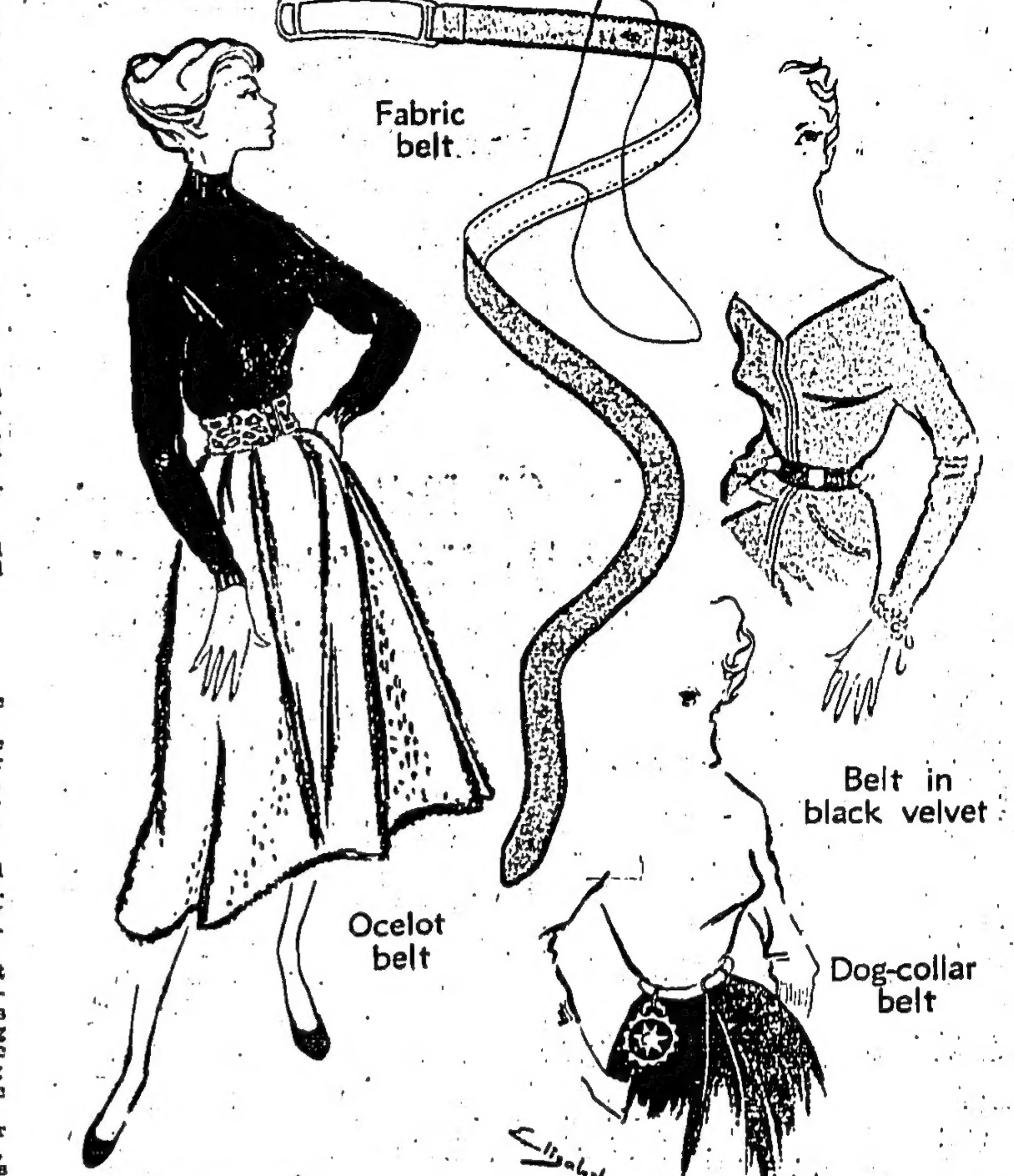
This belt backing is a useful find for the home dressmaker. It comes in many shades, ready hemmed down. It is stiff, washable, and wrinkle-free.

Cut your fabric and belt backing to your waist measurement, leaving a good five inches for turnings and for threading through the buckle. Tack the fabric on to the belt backing, keeping as near the edge as possible.

Place one end of the belt through the buckle and hem it back. Remember to cut the other end to a V, tucking the two fabric ends inside.

## You need to be tall for this

THE OCELOT BELT—to team with a sweater and skirt. This belt can look wonderful with the new cuddle skirts, but



Fabric belt

Belt in black velvet

Ocelot belt

Dog-collar belt

It's the detail that gives a belt character. The "thread-through" buckle brings a professional touch to the fabric belt (centre); ocelot fur gives

a luxury look (above); shells sparkle on black velvet for evening wear (top right); and

the dog-collar belt (bottom right) loses that "doggy" look with a horse brass.

don't even glance at it if you are not a very slim, tall woman. Buy one yard of ocelot fur fabric, 2½-in. wide, one yard of belt backing, 2½-in. wide; and a link clasp—it's the same type of clasp that is used for the elastic waspie belts.

Cut your fur fabric and belt backing to your waist measurement. You will have half an inch of fur fabric over at each side. Fold this round the buckle and firmly sew down with herringbone stitches. Place each end of the belt through the two

parts of the linking clasp, and hem them back.

## Just right for a day dress

THE SLIM LEATHER BELT—to go with a one-colour wool dress.

This is the perfect answer for nearly every day dress. Unfortunately, distinctive leather belts cost far too much, and home-made leather belts always look just like home-made leather belts.

I've been looking round the stores, and the best buy is a rolled leather large dog-collar at 8s. 6d. It is very slim, neat, and beautifully stitched.

Get rid of the "doggy" look by hanging a horse brass to one side. You'll find them at most antique shops. A horse brass should not cost you more than about 6s.

Sew the inside of the horse brass loop on to the back of the dog-collar with tiny overstitches of thick twine.

## This one is for party-time

THE BLACK VELVET BELT—at cocktail time.

All you need is one yard of good quality black ribbon velvet, 2½-in. wide. For this belt you will need 1½-in. wide belt backing.

It's up to you to choose your own decoration. But beware of acquires—they nearly always look messy.

You can try chunks of jet or brilliant, and there are some imitation mother of pearl sea shells that sparkle magnificently on black velvet. You'll need just four—buy them at the button counter.

To make your evening belt, follow the same directions as for the ocelot belt, but when you have formed the belt shape, tuck the ends in and sew them neatly together with an over-stitch.

Use a hook and eye fastening at the back, then sew on your decoration.

Each of these belts has its own character. Team them with the right clothes and you'll wonder how you ever managed without them.

(London Express Service)

## ODD FACT

In Knoxville, Tenn., a war bride fled a divorce suit, charging that her husband had threatened to "put her on an island in solitary confinement." If she told anyone of his illicit affair.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Mr. Merlin Needs No Umbrella

—Even When It Pours, He Can Dodge the Drops!—

By MAX TRELL

THE sky had suddenly darkened. Then came the flash of lightning and the rumble of thunder.

Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about noses, were walking back from the grocery store with some packages when the storm broke. They were still several streets away from home.

As the first big rain-drops started splattering down, they darted into an open doorway and stood there. They were none too soon. In a moment it was pouring.

## Came Down in Sheets

No one was in the street. Not even a car passed. The water came down in sheets.

Then all at once Knarf exclaimed, "Look! Handi! Look! She could hardly believe her eyes.

For coming down the street, wearing his best clothes, was Mr. Merlin the Magician. He smiled as he walked and he walked slowly. It was as if the sun were shining in a cloudless sky. Every now and then he stepped lightly to one side or bent his head over, or jumped over a puddle. And the most astonishing thing of all was that he looked perfectly dry! Not a single drop of rain seemed to fall on him.

Finally he reached the doorway where Knarf and Handi were standing. He tipped his hat to Handi, smiled at Knarf, and how-do-you-do came in and stood beside them.

"What are you doing here in this downpour, if I may be so bold as to ask?" said Mr. Merlin.

"You silly magician," said Handi. "We're standing here to keep out of the rain."

"Silly? You call me silly? You're the ones who are silly. Why do you have to keep out of the rain?"

"To keep from getting wet," said Knarf.

"Nonsense," said Mr. Merlin. "You can walk in the rain without getting wet—and without an umbrella, too. Just look at me. I don't look the least bit wet. They asked him how he managed to walk in the rain without an umbrella and still not get wet.

"Ah—now we're getting somewhere. It's really very simple to walk in the rain without getting wet. All you have to do is walk between the drops."

"But Mr. Merlin, that's impossible!" said Handi.

"Impossible?" said Mr. Merlin in a puzzled voice. "I do it. What's impossible about it?"

Then Mr. Merlin took them by the arm. "You want to get home, don't you, with your parcels from the grocery store? You just come out with me and I'll show you that anybody can walk between the drops."

It was hard for Knarf and Handi to believe that they could do it—but sure enough, with Mr. Merlin holding them

by the arm, they had no trouble at all walking between the drops.

Up one street and down another they went. Mr. Merlin kept saying: "Here, jump this way, Handi—Look out, Knarf, hop to your left... that drop almost fell on you! Step back, Handi! Run forward, Knarf! Watch you don't splash into that puddle!"

Not a single drop fell on them!

## Went Dodging Off

At last they reached "the corner of their own street." Mr. Merlin smiled. "There," he said, "you're almost home. I've got to leave you now. And you're not a bit wet." Then he tipped his hat to Handi again, said good-bye to Knarf and went dodging off.

Knarf and Handi had only a few steps more to go to reach their house.

"Come on," he said to Handi, "we'll run between the drops. It's easy. We don't need Mr. Merlin to show us how." So they both ran.

But it wasn't the same thing any more. They turned, they twisted, they dodged, they



Mr. Merlin, walking in the rain, was dry as could be!

jumped from side to side. It was no use. The drops fell all over them. By the time they reached the house they were soaked. "But—but how could Mr. Merlin do it? How could he run between the drops?" Knarf cried.

"I guess," sighed Handi, "it's because he's a magician. Only a magician knows how to run between the



# YOLANDE POMPEE BIDS TO SUCCEED TURPIN AS SOLOMONS' 'MEAL TICKET'

By DEREK JOHN

There's no keeping a good promoter down. Like a rubber ball, the harder he's knocked down, the quicker he comes up.

Take Mister Boxing himself, Jack Solomons of the genial smile and fat cigar. When Randy Turpin succumbed to the non-stop attack of Carl Olson it seemed that Britain's top promoter had been deprived of his main meal ticket, and might finish up eating his own fish.

Yet while the cheers of 15,000 Americans were still echoing round Madison Square Garden, Jack was planning his next move, and ensuring a certain food basket.

It is to bring the world title back to Britain, either via a rehabilitated Turpin, or his successor.

The possible successor is West Indies Cruiserweight Champion Yolande Pompee, who by nature is a middleweight.

He came to Britain two years ago with an undefeated record in both the professional and amateur rings and the reputation of a tough, non-stop puncher. In his first London fight, he caused a sensation by beating the late Dave Sands, Australian holder of the Empire middleweight crown.

## UNTARNISHED

Now, after 13 contests in Britain, his record is untarnished, and his reputation has increased.

A Pompee-Turpin clash has long seemed a 'natural'. But with the crowd-pulling fighters at premium, the wise Solomons did not want to put all his eggs in one basket. Now there is no alternative.

But even the best-laid plans can go awry, especially when there's an enemy around. In this case it is the loquacious American negro, Ray Barnes, Pompee fought him at Harringay for the privilege of meeting Turpin.

In more than many words, Barnes has let it be known that Solomons is wasting his time. He finds it inconceivable that anyone could think that he will not dispose of Pompee and Turpin, and then meet, and of course beat, World Champion Olson.

In fact, to avoid the formality of arranging three fights, he has expressed willingness to meet all three at once. The prospect of Mr Solomons living off cod instead of cullies apparently leaves him unmoved.

But the biggest vocabulary in the world will avail him nothing in Harringay's 24-foot roped

square. Something more tangible will be needed to stop Pompee's barrage of flailing fists.

## UNKNOWN QUANTITY

In the ring, Barnes is something of an unknown quantity, even in America. He has just completed his army service and it remains to be seen whether this has affected his boxing.

He is recognised as a man who can avoid trouble. He survived

ten rounds against Sugar Ray Robinson. Admittedly, Sugar Ray was then fighting as a welter-weight but Barnes is unmarked from his career of 41 fights, and in his sparring bouts since coming to Britain has shown himself well versed in spilling tactics.

So the issue may resolve itself into one of defence versus attack. With a man like Pompee to hand it out, I take the attack to win.

(London Express Service)

## Date Of Melbourne Olympics May Do More Than Anything Else To Defeat America

New York, Nov. 2.

The date of the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne may do more than anything else to defeat the USA—if it happens to be defeated.

The Games will be held in December, which will handicap the Americans and the Europeans, since this normally is their off-season. Of course, in all previous Olympics, it was the Australians and South Americans who had to train to compete in summer sports in their winter time.

Track and field is almost entirely a college sport in America. In 1956, the college season will end as usual in June, there may be some tune-up European tours for some athletes, the college school begins again in September, and the football and basketball seasons will arrive before the Olympics.

## THREE QUESTIONS

How many of the star college track men will still be in peak shape for track? How many will be unable to take a month away from their studies? How many will decide they would prefer to spend Christmas at home?

American Olympic officials are well aware of these questions, just as they are

aware of the importance of retaining the unofficial team championship.

That team title lies between America and Russia, and the Americans don't want to give Russia a propaganda point, which a team victory would be.

At the same time, it is clear that Russia should be a slight favourite to take the team honours. In 1952 America won with 614 points to Russia's 553, in the generally accepted although unofficial basis of 10 points for a first place in the individual competitions, five for second, four for third and so on down to one point for sixth place.

Only a tremendous and unprecedented showing by American boxers provided that margin.

LEARNED A LOT

Russia learned a great deal at the Helsinki Games. It was far behind other nations in technique in many events, but the Soviet coaches watched carefully and used what they learned. The Russian basketball team, for example, improved steadily.

America learned something, too, in the minor sports such as gymnastics. But the Americans have much further to go to become of international calibre in gymnastics or soccer than Russia must go to become winners in sprinting or weight-throwing.

Russia won the 1953 Weightlifting World Championship by edging America, 25 to 22, with the aid of Canadian Heavyweight Doug Hepburn, who upset America's Olympic Champion John Davis.

The USA is not too upset about this, though, because its Jim Bradford seems ready to surpass Hepburn.

Bradford came to the Championships from service in Korea and was not in top shape. Four weeks later in an exhibition he surpassed Hepburn's title-winning lift.

But the Soviet victory indicated that America will need its very best talent at Melbourne—and it may be hard to gather that talent together in December.

United Press.

## Inter-School Badminton

Following are the results of the Inter-School badminton matches played yesterday:

(Senior)  
DBS beat La Salle 3-0  
Long Hui-jok beat E. M. Lin 21-3  
Wai Yung-wai beat Watt Chik-kin 21-2  
and Bing Wu and Lee Sik-choi beat E. Barro and Stephen Lo 15-11, 15-11.

(Junior)  
St Stephen's beat La Salle 3-3  
Ling Chien (St Stephen's) lost to Khoo Kee-bee 7-21, Chan Wing-chung lost to Ling Chien 7-21  
Lagaspil 21-0, George Pih and Chan Wing-tam beat A. Maher and K. Womah 15-4, 5-8  
Chan Wing-chung lost to Khoo Kee-bee 15-21, and Ling Chien beat L. Lagaspil 21-2.

Following are Sunday's results:  
Wah Yan (DBS) beat Clement Middle School 3-0.  
Wah Yan beat Fung Wing 21-30, Cyril Wong beat Chan Kai-yiu 21-13, and Wong Wen-chiu and Yung Hing-chung beat Le Siu-hung and Hung Hing-yue 15-15, 15-10, and 15-12.

## "Bayer's" TONIC

Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

## YES, IT'S HIM ALL RIGHT



"Surely I've seen that face before somewhere?" That's right, it's Stanley Matthews, maestro of the right wing. Here Stanley is putting the famous feet into a pair of patent leather shoes. He is preparing to attend the banquet given by the Football Association after the England's match against the FIFA side at Wembley. The players went straight to the Dorchester Hotel from the Stadium. Looking on, already attired, is another England forward—Jimmy Mullen.—Express Photo.

## Britain's Boxing Bosses Must Hold A Turpin Inquiry Says DESMOND HACKETT

Teddy Waltham, Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, back in London after his New York trip, makes this bold comment: "I was dissatisfied with the way Turpin behaved and prepared for his fight with Bobo Olson."

Obviously Mr Waltham did not fly to New York simply to watch Randolph Turpin give away the World Middleweight Championship to Olson. He was on official business.

He should present a full, frank report to the board.

And if that report does not touch off an inquiry into Turpin's approach to this fight then I, for one, will be very much dissatisfied with the board.

Promoter Jack Solomons, sternly insists: "Turpin must be brought up before the stewards to account for his behaviour."

## WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the week-end hockey fixtures:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Ladies' Division  
Dorians 5-11 C. on Police Grd.  
Boundary St. at 3.45 (Umpires: Mr. Roza, L. C. M. Moore)  
Gremlins v K.G.V. A on Police Grd. Boundary St. at 2.30 (Umpires: Sgt. Barton, W. H. Peckers)  
K.G.V. A v University on K.G.V. Grd. at 2.45 (Umpires: Mickey Raul, Y. Khani)  
Victoria v D.G.S. on Army Grd. Boundary St. at 3.45 (Umpires: N. L. Neary, J. Singh)  
Hercules B v University on K.G.V. Grd. at 2.30 (Umpires: Col. Talwar, Sgt. Davies)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Men's First Division  
Royal Navy v Army 'A' on Army Grd. Boundary St. at 2.45 (Umpires: Malcolm Singh, F. L. Gordon)  
Army 'B' v University on Army Grd. Boundary St. at 2.30 (Umpires: W. E. Williams, J. Grehal)  
Acas v H.K.A.A. on RN Grd. No. 1 King's Park at 10.30 (Umpires: Krishan Lal, J. S. Grewal)  
University v HK Hockey Club on University Grd. Boundary St. at 10.30 (Umpires: Mickey Ram, A. A. Malik)  
Nav Bharat v St. Joseph's on RN Grd. No. 2 King's Park at 10.30 (Umpires: J. B. Gonzalez, Z. A. Abbas)

Men's Second Division  
Valley Sports HC v Police on Police Grd. Boundary St. at 10.30 (Umpires: Cpl. Baldwin, CPO Ball)

FUTURE FIXTURES  
Saturday, November 16  
Ladies' Division: Services HC v University; Victoria v Dorians; Gremlins v K.G.V. B; D.G.S. v K.G.V. A; Hercules B v Hercules A (on Sunday 10th Nov.)  
Sunday, November 17  
Men's First Division: Royal Navy v R.A.F. Army 'A' v Army 'B'; Dutch v Thunderbolts  
Men's Second Division: HKAAF v Police; Thunderbolts B v HK Hockey Club; New Stars v Valley Sports HC.  
Queries regarding fixtures to Major Wherry—Tel 3412 Ext 310.  
Peters—Tel 3412 Ext 441 (3 rings).

Among all the blather of words about Turpin's future comes a candid opinion from 47-year-old Mick Gavin, who has acted as second to Turpin in all but two of his big fights.

Gavin reckons Turpin is finished as a British fight hope unless something can be found to shake him out of his present mood and revive his interest in the boxing business.

Gavin confirmed what I had suspected—that Turpin wanted to quit halfway through the fight with Olson. Gavin says: "When I told him to snap out of it he replied, 'I don't want any more, I'm fed up.'"

Grey-haired Mick said he would have one final try to make Turpin see sense, but added sadly: "I am not holding out much hope."

WEAK ACT

Cuff notes from New York.... Sugar Ray Robinson is cashing in on a song, dance and comedy act that would not make the grade in Hicksville without the name of Sugar Ray.

Now Robinson plans to visit London's Palladium next year. He is advised to find a better knock-out piece than the present show....

Singer Eddie Fisher, dreaming of making a Royal Variety Performance, is still a completely unspoiled youngster although his notes have just hit a new £8,000 TV contract....

Broadway's honour parade for General Mark Clark lost much of its glamour when I learned that the organiser called at all the offices on the route to supply ticker tape....

AFTER 21 YEARS

Saddest sports story is attempted come-back by 54-year-old jockey Earl Sande after a 21-year lay-off.

Sande, down on his luck, made front-page news in 1923 when he won a challenge race on U.S. champion Zev against 1923 Derby winner Papyrus, ridden by the late Steve Donoghue. Papyrus was temporarily blinded by the mud track....

Flash forward to 1953 and the visit of Irish crack two-year-old The Plo King, now in America to run in the £29,900 Garden State Stakes.

The Plo King trained on the sands in Ireland to get him used to the American dirt track course....

Stand by for the parade of world fight champions. Planning trips to England are Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano, Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan, and Middleweight Champion Bobo Olson....

But they will leave their titles at home. All fights will be over-weight or exhibitions.

## HKCC Play The Services This Week-end

There will be a two-day fixture at the HKCC ground, Chater Road, on Sunday and Monday, November 8 and 9, when the Hongkong Cricket Club play the Combined Services.

The game commences on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. and on Monday at 11 a.m. and stumps will be drawn on both days at 6 p.m.

The following will represent the HKCC:—L. D. Kilbee (Capt.), J. Stanton, G. T. Rowe, B. W. Leach, H. Owen Hughes, G. H. P. Trichard, R. H. Hughes, K. K. Spink and T. P. Mahon.

Umpires:—R. R. Davies (Sunday), P. J. Hart (Monday), Score: R. McAdam.

## KCC TEAMS

Kowloon Cricket Club teams for Saturday's League matches will be:

First XI v R.A.F. (away):—P. V. Dodge, Appa, V. C. Bond, B. C. N. Carnell, D. Coffey, H. Chamberlain, P. Hall, S. V. Gildas, A. T. Lee, P. Wood, A. Zimmern. 12th Man—F. E. Lawrence. Score: Mrs. Chamberlain.

Second XI v R.A.F. (home):—N. Hackett-Baker (Capt.), N. Oel, J. B. D. Lewis, R. Mocher, C. M. Guildford, A. Goudy, E. Thomas, A. J. Calky, R. G. Heron, J. Marshall, E. G. Baker, 12th Man—Maj. Glover. Reserve—R. Thompson.

## ASF & OC MEETING

## Two Hours Of Debate And The CAAF Is Still A Problem

An extraordinary general meeting of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong yesterday failed to reach agreement by a two-thirds majority on whether the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation should be ruled an Honorary Member of the ASF & OC or a full paying member.

Since the ASF & OC of Hongkong came into being the CAAF has enjoyed at its meetings the curious status of a non-paying member with voting rights. The ASF & OC, internationally recognised as the governing body of amateur sport in Hongkong, has in the interim grown and is endeavouring to follow a policy of limiting membership to governing bodies of individual sports only.

However, having regard to the co-operation of the CAAF in the early stages of its growth, the ASF & OC offered it the alternative of full (paying) membership or honorary membership without voting rights.

The Constitution of the ASF & OC has, therefore, been revised and the meeting called yesterday was designed to force the issue by voting in Constitutional amendments if the CAAF maintained their stand of not wanting to pay but wanting to retain their voting rights.

The CAAF maintained their stand, which offers the ASF & OC reciprocal non-paying membership with voting rights on the Chinese Association.

The amendments on which no general agreement had been reached were, therefore, put to the meeting.

The first amendment to the ASF & OC's Constitution, extending to the CAAF honorary membership with equal representation but without the power to vote, received 18 affirmative and 12 negative votes, with two abstentions. Voting on the second amendment, offering membership with the power to vote, was 14-14 with two abstentions.

The representatives of the CAAF registered their votes.

During the lively hour-long debate which preceded the voting the representative of the H.K. Lawn Tennis Association, Mr Ho Ka-lau, threatened to withdraw his association from the ASF & OC if the CAAF continued to retain its "highly unconstitutional" status of honorary membership with the power to vote and exemption from payment of dues.

## ARRESTING DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary of the ASF & OC, Mr A. de O. Sales, leaving the podium to take the floor during the debate, told the meeting that if the CAAF persisted in its refusal to affiliate with the ASF & OC then we have to do without them because they are arresting the development of sports in Hongkong.

Taking up the Chinese case, Mr Ma Man-fai, Vice-Chairman of ASF & OC, repeated his warning that "they (CAAF) are being wooed by outside forces."

He said that the amendments to the CAAF's status in the ASF & OC were strengthening the "arguments of the separatists who represent a strong school of thought in Hongkong today."

The debate was opened by Mr J. Skinner, Chairman of the ASF & OC, who recalled to the meeting that the CAAF had persisted in its refusal to "become one of us. We are the meeting ground of every nationality in Hongkong and there cannot be more than one governing body." He reiterated the alternate offers of honorary membership without power to vote, or membership with power to vote and obligation to pay dues, "but parity we cannot offer them."

Earlier, the meeting had passed all the amendments to the ASF & OC with the exception of the first amendment offering honorary membership to the CAAF.

During the Board meeting which preceded the extraordinary general meeting, December 7 was fixed as the date for the annual general meeting. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, November 11, when another ballot will be taken.

## Lawn Bowlers Want To Go To The Games

The Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association yesterday looked to the Amateur Sports Federation & Olympic Council of Hongkong for partial financial assistance in sending a lawn bowls team to the Empire Games at Vancouver next year.

At a Board meeting of the ASF & OC yesterday evening at the Victoria Recreation Club, Mr M. N. Rakusen, the representative of the HKLBA, said his association would like to send a team to the Games provided "we could get some financial assistance."

## AGF Cannot Bolt From IOC, Vargas Says

Manila, Nov. 3.

The Asian Games Federation cannot bolt from the International Olympic Committee simply because the regional body is not a member or affiliate of the international organisation.

This announcement was made by AGF President Jorge Vargas to deny earlier reports that the AGF would secede from the Olympic body.

Mr Vargas, who is also President of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, pointed out that the Asian Games Federation has the option of running next year's Games here along models like the British Empire Games or along the IOC pattern.

The Asian Games Council, at the request of Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines, will meet late this month to decide how the Games should be held.

The likelihood is that the Games will be run along the British Empire Games model to accommodate Nationalist China which is not a member of any IOC athletic bodies and is thus excluded from Games run on IOC regulations.—France-Press.

## AITKENHEAD SHIELD MATCH ON SUNDAY

The Aitkenhead Shield match, which was postponed last Sunday on account of the inclement weather, will now be played on Sunday, November 3, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

## Floodlit Soccer

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Sailings from Europe			
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Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignee and the Company's surveyors. Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 2nd November, 1953.  
To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.  
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd November, 1953, will be subject to rent.  
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## FILES TELL GRIM STORY

Berlin, Nov. 2.  
Confidential files of the former Supreme Command of the German Army discovered by East German authorities revealed that nearly 25,000 German soldiers were sentenced to death in the last war by court-martial. The East German news agency, ADN, said today.

It said the files showed that most of the death sentences were passed in cases of desertion and cowardice.

ADN said one record found was marked "Monthly Survey—Death Sentences" and listed 14,538 death sentences passed by field courts martial between August 26, 1939, and January 31, 1945. Of these, 8,996 were carried out.

Between August 26, 1939, and October 31, 1944, another 10,621 death sentences were passed on soldiers by courts martial in Germany, bringing the total of death sentences to 24,959.

These statistics, however, did not cover the last months of the war, when "flying courts martial" often only consisting of two officers, and an execution squad sentenced thousands of soldiers to death and executed them on the spot for alleged desertion.

Some men were hanged on street lamps, ADN said.

ADN did not say when or where these documents had been found. It said the files included statistics, graphical surveys and some name registers.—Reuter.

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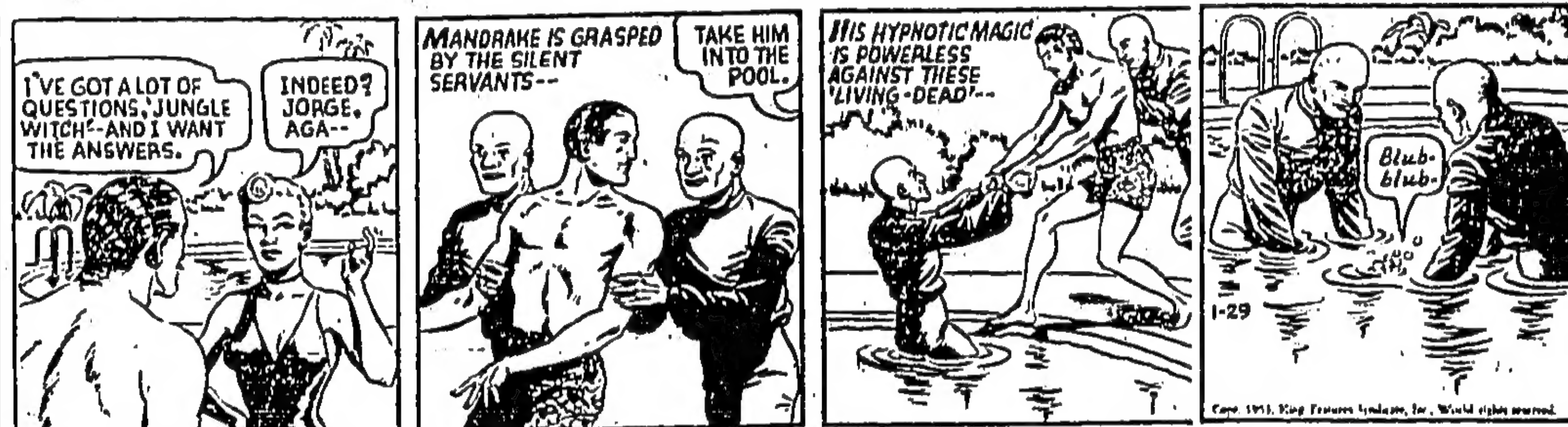
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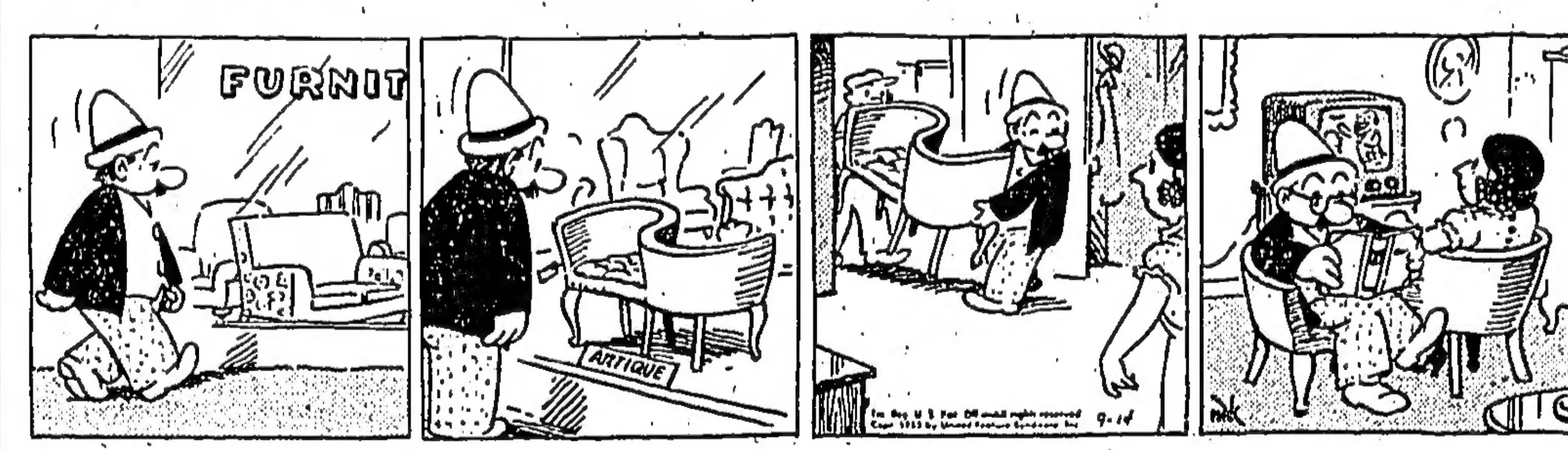
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## MALAYA'S BIGGEST PROJECT

Singapore, Nov. 3.  
What will be Malaya's biggest mining development—a 100 million Malayan dollar (about £12 million) project to tap iron ore deposits in central Malaya—will be undertaken by the locally registered and British-owned Eastern Mining and Metals Company Limited.

A spokesman for the company said today negotiations were in progress in London for two British banks to finance the project.

Prospecting in the hilly country has been going on more than two years.

Results so far show that more than 25 million tons of high grade iron ore are deposited in the area.

The area is near Kampong Kuala, about 50 miles west of Kuala Lumpur, between the River Jeram and River Rompin.

The company plans to spend about 30 million dollars on a 50-mile railway from the mine to the sea.

By 1955, the mine which will employ up to 3,000 workers, is expected to be in full swing.

The ore will be shipped to Britain, Japan and the United States.

The company has leased about 2,000 acres from the Pahang Government, and hopes eventually to secure leases on 9,000 acres.

A company spokesman said the company in its last season's operations shipped a post-war record of one million tons—most of it to Japan and Britain.—China Mail Special.

**Chelsea Gem Haul**  
London, Nov. 2.  
Jewels valued at about £2,000 were stolen from Dr. T. G. Menon from a hotel in Chelsea during the week-end. Dr. Menon is Second Secretary of the Indian High Commission in London.—Reuter.

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Sails Nov. 15 for Fusan, Kobe & Yokohama.

"LAO"  
Arrives Nov. 16 from Japan.  
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## Coloured Pipes For Ladies Suggested

Copenhagen, Nov. 2. Coloured pipes for ladies to match their frocks were urged by Danish cancer specialist, Dr. Clemmensen.

Dr. Clemmensen made this suggestion as part of his campaign to reduce cigarette smoking which he claims is mainly responsible for the increase of lung cancer.

Many Danish ladies, especially the middle-aged and old, have always smoked cheroots—to the great amusement of foreigners—but the younger women prefer cigarettes.

"It is only a matter of fashion," said Dr. Clemmensen. "There are already on the market many pretty little pipes, and these could be made in various colours to match their dresses."—China Mail Special.

## Political Asylum Problem

Even Person, Argentina, Nov. 2. The problem of "political asylum" will be aired here as a result of the Latin Government's request for the extradition of Giuseppe Cattaneo, arising from his wartime exploits.

The Italian Government has asked for his return to trial on charges of rebellion, desertion, illegal association, collaboration with the enemy and three counts of homicide.

At the time of Mussolini's overthrow on September 8, 1943, Cattaneo, who is under arrest here, was serving with the Italian Navy on the island of Montedison. He was a staunch supporter of the Duce and managed temporarily to hold the island in the name of the new Italian Socialist Republic which Mussolini organized after his escape.

Subsequently, fortune turned against Cattaneo and on April 16, 1944, he was being taken by torpedo-boat 895 to Porto Vecchio to be turned over to the Allies.

Leading a mutiny, he seized the vessel after allegedly shooting all three officers on board and made for San Estefano, where he joined the Germans.

Dr. Benjamin Bimball, defending Cattaneo, who has been living in Argentina for the past five years, said that the case was a "peculiar" one.

Cattaneo, he argued, is not a common criminal but a political refugee and should be protected by the "guarantees of asylum" recognised by Argentina.

A further complication, he said, was that the penalty in Italy for the crimes with which he is charged there is death, which is not recognised in Argentina.

The crimes attributed to Cattaneo, he added, were acts of war and therefore political and military.

The hearing is expected to last for some time.—China Mail Special.

## Germans Visit London



A party of German political youth leaders in London visit the Houses of Parliament. The visit was arranged by the Central Office of Information on behalf of the Foreign Office. Sir Edward Boyle, Conservative M.P. who met the visitors at the House of Commons, is shaking hands with Fraulein Maria Niehuus, leader of West German Youth Farmers, Women's Section.—Express Photo.

## "General Election" In Yugoslavia: Tito To Stand

Belgrade, Nov. 2.

Only one candidate, proposed by the pro-Government Socialist Alliance, will stand in most constituencies in Yugoslavia's general Parliamentary election three weeks from today, according to incomplete returns.

Reports from 258 of the 282 constituencies for the Lower House show that two candidates are standing in seven constituencies and three candidates in three constituencies. In the rest there will be only one.

For the first time candidates are being chosen by the voters at electoral meetings. At the last General Election, voters were able to record only their approval or disapproval of an officially nominated list.

President Tito is standing for a Belgrade constituency. Most other Government leaders are standing, including the four Vice-Presidents—Enver Kardaš, Milovan Djilas, Alexander Rankovic and Miroslav Pijade—as well as the Foreign Secretary, Koca Popovic, and the Army Chief of Staff, Colonel General Peko Dapcevic.

The electoral law provides that as an alternative method a candidate may be nominated if he collects the signature of 200 voters. So far, only one case

of this type of candidature has been reported from Presta, adjoining the Greek frontier in Macedonia.

This method has been frowned on by the Yugoslav press which described it as a remnant of the Party system.

### TRIESTE ISSUE

In the opinion of Western observers, the Government popularity has been increased in pre-election weeks by President Tito's strong opposition to the Anglo-American decision to give back Trieste zone "A" to Italy.

One of the Vice-Presidents, M. Pijade, writing in Politika today, said: "The electoral campaign was affected by a surprise issue, the crisis created over the Trieste question by the decision of London and Washington, which all our peoples rejected in complete union and with justified bitterness."

"This increased to an extraordinary degree the political interest of the widest section of the people."

Local elections took place in Trieste and towns in Yugoslavia yesterday for district and municipal producers councils which represent the interests in local government of the working population.

Their members will also form electoral panels to elect members of the Upper House or Federal Council of Producers, two days after the general elections to the Lower House.—China Mail Special.

## Best-Dressed Men?

Melbourne, Nov. 2. A seven-months' tour has convinced him Australian men were the best-dressed in the world, a director of a group of men's stores, Mr. Eric Rogers, said.

Mr. Rogers, who toured England, America, Europe and South America, said: "Australian men are more 'clothes-conscious' than any others I saw. Australian materials are among the world's best."

Higher living standards in Australia, he believed, was the reason for Australian superiority.—China Mail Special.

# Europe Expects 1953 To Prove Best Year Since World War II

London, Nov. 2.

Businessmen of Western Europe expect to record 1953 as the best year since World War II and in some cases the most prosperous of all time, a United Press survey showed today.

Production indices in most countries are at all-time highs. Unemployment generally continues to decline. International trade is expanding.

West Germany, racing to take its place as a full partner of the free world, paced recovery on the Continent. The Bonn Republic had Europe's biggest dollar and gold reserve—a predicted \$500,000,000 by the end of 1953—and was the biggest creditor of other European nations.

It expected a critical worker shortage as soon as rearmament begins under the European Defence Community. The outlook of the capitalist and worker alike presented a sharp contrast to Russia and its satellites, where unrest and Cabinet shake-ups reflect production failures.

Britain's production index reached an all-time high of 125-126 in mid-September. France, Britain and Australia last week announced the reduction of barriers on intra-European commerce, a move expected to benefit the rest of free Europe immediately.

The United States assured NATO members that there was no basis for fears that US troops were about to be withdrawn from Europe.

### EYE ON U.S.

The economists of free Europe still kept a wary eye on this prosperity of the United States. Where five years ago they feared that reductions in dollar aid would bring a deeper slump, today they predict disaster if even a mild American recession slices European products.

Although dollar grants of the Marshall Plan have ended, left-over funds, US military spending and exports to America provide Europe's margin of safety.

As usual, most nations were spending more dollars than they earned. Perennial crises boosted unemployment in France by 60,000 monthly and foreign trade deficits critically slashed production with resultant layoffs. These were the dark spots in an otherwise booming economy.

But despite its dependency on US dollars, Europe still keeps a tight grip on its own bootstraps. Last week's trade barrier reductions, an important step to wiping out serious dollar surpluses in intra-European commerce, gave a new boost to Italy's recovery and generally encouraged the smaller nations.

The Manchester Guardian headlined the reductions: "Providing ourselves good Europeans."

### U.S. WARNING

Britain agreed to free three-fourths of European imports by taking her quota-free limit from 58 to 75 per cent by the end of the year. It also increased the tourist travel allowance of British citizens from £40 to £50.

France, although hard-pressed economically, liberalised the import quota from eight to 20 per cent, mainly for raw materials. The move was in acknowledgment that ultra-strict barriers might provoke retaliation from her neighbours.

France, Britain and Austria announced their decisions at the Paris conference of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation last week.

They gave partial recognition to US delegate Harold Stassen's warning that trade barriers are an important deterrent to the best use of our resources and to the free flow of goods and capital.

The nation-by-nation survey included the following:

### THE LARGEST

West Germany—Booming West Germany had the largest bank account with the European payments union, which co-ordinates money exchange to balance intra-European trade. The foreign trade balance for the first nine months of 1953 was \$358,100,000 and is expected to reach \$500,000,000 by January 1. West Germany had a trade deficit of \$1,113,700 in 1949.

The total gold and dollar reserves had grown from zero in 1950 to \$980,000,000. The production index reached 165 (production in the year 1938 equals 100). Employment was just under 10,000,000, up 600,000 over last year. Germany received no direct American aid during the 1952-53 fiscal year, but obtained \$40,000,000 in offshore procurement contracts from the United States.

France—Strikes, Government crises and war expenses made France the dark spot of the Continental economy. Production for the first six months was 148.5 compared to 144 for 1952.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$130,615. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS  
HSBC Bank 1915 1530 33 @ 1520  
East Asia 163

INSURANCES  
Union 547½ 800 1 @ 553  
HK Fire 175

SHIPPING  
Waterside 19 40  
Asia Nav. 123 200 @ 137½

DOCKERS ETC.  
K. Wharf 87½ 100 @ 87½  
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(Old) 12.50  
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C. Light (O) 13.00 12.70 500 @ 13.70  
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Cement 18.20 18.00  
Hope 17.50

STORES, ETC.  
Dairy 63.10 62.40 600 @ 23  
Watson

COTTONS  
Textile Corp. 6.25 6.45 3000 @ 6.45

## The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Nov. 2.

The Rubber Study Group's statement dampened ardour and there was selling by disappointed holders. There was some trade and factory buying but the market was irregular. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Nov. 62½-63½  
Dec. 62½-63½  
Jan. 62½-63½  
No. 2 rubber per lb. Nov. 61½-62½  
Dec. 61½-62½  
Jan. 61½-62½  
Spot rubber unbleached 61½-62½  
Blenket crepe 44-45  
No. 1 pale crepe 62-63½

—United Press.

## LONDON MARKET

London, Nov. 2.

The rubber market was steady with No. 1 Rs spot rubber quoted at 10-5/16 pence per lb. Prices:

Spot No. 1 Rs 10-5/16  
Nov. 10-5/16  
Dec. 10-5/16  
Jan. 10-5/16  
Feb. 10-5/16  
Mar. 10-5/16  
Apr. 10-5/16  
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## NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Nov. 2.

Rubber futures closed 60-80 lower with sales of 60 contracts. The lower trend in contracts reflected the action at primary markets and an indifferent trade demand.

December 1953 1970  
March 1954 1950  
May 1954 1950  
July 1954 1950  
September 1954 1950  
December 1954 1950

## AMSTERDAM MARKET

Amsterdam, Nov. 2.

No. 1 rubber per lb. Nov. 1953 1.63  
No. 2 rubber per lb. Nov. 1953 1.62  
No. 3 rubber per lb. Nov. 1953 1.61  
No. 1 crepe rubber per lb. 1.67

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.92  
Sterling notes (per £1) 18.77  
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 19.50  
Hankow dollars (per 100) 20.80  
Singapore dollars (per 100) 1.70  
Indo-China piastres (per 100) 2.57

## Copra Quotation

New York, Nov. 2.

Copra was quoted today at \$217.50 per short ton, asked, c.i.f. Pacific Coast. Coconut oil was quoted at 17 cents, asked, c.i.f. West Coast.—United Press.

## Hoping For Agreement

Washington, Nov. 2.

Representatives of cotton producers and consuming nations today expressed hopes for an international agreement which would bring stability to the world's cotton trade.

The view was expressed by delegates at the opening session of the International Cotton Advisory Committee conference here which has convened to study such a pact.

The conference, due to last 11 days, is being attended by delegates from the 28 member nations of the Committee, with observers from more than 30 other countries also present. Reuter.

## GRAINS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Nov. 2.

Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red  
Spot 199-5/16  
Dec. 198½ (11) 196½ (L) 196½-½  
March 194  
May 192-3/4  
July 189-13/16

Corn, No. 2 yellow  
Spot 143  
Dec. 147½-½  
March 194  
May 182½-½  
July 182½-½

Rye  
Spot 123  
Dec. 129½-130  
March 194  
May 78½  
July 78½

Oats  
Spot 274 nom.  
Nov. 270  
Jan. 194 281½-½  
March 281½-½  
May 281½-½  
July 278-279½

Barley  
Spot 130-132 nom.  
New York flour, 200 lb. sack \$14.10  
—United Press.

## Purchase Of Sugar

Tokyo, Nov. 3.

Japan will buy 10,000 tons of unrefined sugar from Indonesia under the foreign exchange budget for the second half of the fiscal year 1954. The Government will allocate \$1,200,000 for the sugar.—United Press.

# Decline In Price Of Rubber Worries The City

By NORMAN CRUMP, Sunday Times City Editor

London, Oct. 25.

In the stock markets, the recent fall in the price of rubber is causing some anxiety.

At the end of 1952 rubber was quoted in London at 27½d. per lb. By September it had fallen to 27d. per lb.

Since then there has been a further sharp fall, and last Friday's quotation was 16½d. per lb.

The basic cause of this debacle is that there is too much rubber in the world, but for greater precision one must examine recent American developments.

To begin with, the decision was taken some time ago to hand the American synthetic rubber industry back to private enterprise. To implement this decision, a Bill was passed a short time ago.

But in its passage through Congress this Bill was so manipulated by the Senate that now that it has become law the resulting Act is hardly workable. Thus the prospect of denationalising the synthetic rubber industry has become distinctly nebulous.

STOCK-PILE SALES  
Now were the synthetic plants to be handed back to private enterprise, the door would be open to free competition between natural and synthetic rubber.

Even this would not end the story. Natural rubber does not keep indefinitely, and so the American stock-pile has to be continuously "rotated".

Now recently the practice has been to sell to consumers rubber off the top of the stock-pile, and to replace it not by corresponding purchases but by promises to buy. Furthermore, a new contract has been evolved, whereby large users can place orders for six months ahead, and small users for thirty days ahead.

The result is that dealers, in both London and New York, have been by-passed, and there is little real American buying of natural rubber. Hence, the declining market, which exacerbates the situation, for it induces such buyers as there are to hold back in the hope of a lower price.

CLEAR NEED  
At the moment the Management Committee of the International Rubber Study Group is meeting in London. This is really a steering body, and one is waiting to learn the outcome of its deliberations.

What is wanted is clear enough. It is a decision by the Americans to hold back sales of rubber off the top of the stock-pile, and to cut down the production of synthetic rubber. This would appear to involve sacrifices by them, but it would be a small contribution towards economic stability in South-East Asia, which they themselves regard as "a strategic area of top importance".

Meanwhile, what should the average rubber shareholder do? My feeling is that he should hold on. At their present low prices many Indonesian shares are covered by the cash resources held by their companies in England, and many Malayan shares represent a very low valuation per acre.

TWO FUNDAMENTALS  
Superficially it appears that the "A" stockholders are gaining at the expense of their "B" colleagues. This, however, is making far too heavy weather of a theoretical point.

Whether the present or the proposed capital structure is in force, it is inconceivable that the present or future "B" dividend would be affected by as much as 50 per cent. Bank dividends today are governed by far wider considerations.

There are two fundamental points. First, Barclays have followed the National Provincial in increasing their dividend. Second, Barclays have felt able to take a view of their "B" shareholders' holdings and "double" their dividend sufficiently favourable to justify their taking £3,183,307 from contingencies to help cover the capitalisation of reserves.

From the investor's standpoint, everything else is of minor importance.



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### NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

**SAILS:** Wednesday the 4th November at 12.00 noon for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

**BAGGAGE:** Passengers are requested to send ALL baggage to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 Gate, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE, by NOON on Tuesday, 3rd November 1953.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only. BAGGAGE COOLIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE WHARF.

**EMBARKATION:** Passengers should embark between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 4th November.



FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Nov. 1.

Here's a brief picture of the current mess-up: The Federal Arbitration Court has, for many years, made a quarterly variation in the country's basic wage. This wage—£4.10 just before the war—has climbed to £12.3 in rapid leaps during the post-war inflation.

focused on Japan as the main sufferer from an adverse trade with Australia, other

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the assault took place in Miss Daniels' flat about noon on October 20.

"A new boy friend for Dorothy? I thought that other one was steady, the way he ate everything we had!"

As a pledge was uttering, he declared, and similarly, in the present case the handing over of the money was just as much an uttering within the meaning of the Ordinance.

that the third accused was walking together with him. Mr Winter asked why he had said

night, when thousands of dollar worth of bamboo poles also went up in smoke.

The serang died at 1 a.m. and his body has since been brought

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